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Modest budget likely

Gov. Ed Rendell met with legislative leaders to discuss money matters.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Gov. Ed Rendell delivered a warning to top legislators Tuesday evening that a weaker economy will mean a tough budget year in which spending will have to be restrained, but expects not to raise taxes.

Legislative leaders met with Rendell at his offices for almost an hour, during which he raised the subject of the budget and economic forecasts.

Rendell

"I'm just going to tell the boys that massive surpluses don't live here anymore," Rendell said on his way into the meeting.

On his way out, Rendell would not say whether he plans to roll out any major new programs with his budget proposal, which is scheduled to be delivered to the Legislature on Feb. 5.

He did say any spending increases will have to be modest. He also said he will order a $100 million cut in general government administrative costs and will ask for no general fund tax increases.

He poured downplayed GOP talk of an income tax reduction.

"Given these budget figures and these forecasts, it will be awfully difficult to achieve that," Rendell said.

The state continues to run a surplus, more than halfway into the fiscal year that ends June 30.

Still, Rendell noted the budget he will negotiate with the Legislature this spring will be the toughest since his first year in office.

Republican leaders welcomed Rendell's message of an austere budget, after fighting for the past year over the Democrat's energy and health care proposals, which he has sought to raise taxes or fees to support.

"He sent some clear signals that it would be a more modest budget,"

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Monessen on track with project

Once completed, the district will field its own track and field team.

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MONESSEN – As soon as Mother Nature cooperates, renovations will begin on the Monessen High School track.

Chelen

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said during a Tuesday board meeting the $143,000 project is slated to begin the week of March 10.

However, based on weather, work could begin sooner.

"The first home meet is March 31, so we'll see what we can do to move it along," Chelen said.

The track will be upgraded so the district can sponsor its first track and field team and host meets.

Last January, the school board agreed to form a co-ed track and field team. Monessen students had been participating in a co-op track program with other districts, but now have enough interest for a team of their own.

The board also accepted a $839,717 Educational Technology Fund (E-Fund) grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a high-tech telecommunications network.

A 1 gigabit fiber optic line will connect the district's two school campuses.

Monessen secured the grant for the Southern Region Consortium, which also will benefit the Belle Vernon Area, Mount Pleasant Area, Norwin and Southmoreland school districts.

While Monessen was the lead applicant for the grant, a project management team of representatives from all districts will oversee implementation of the regional fiber optic network initiative.

The five schools will split the $4,272 monthly fees for the fiber optic lines.

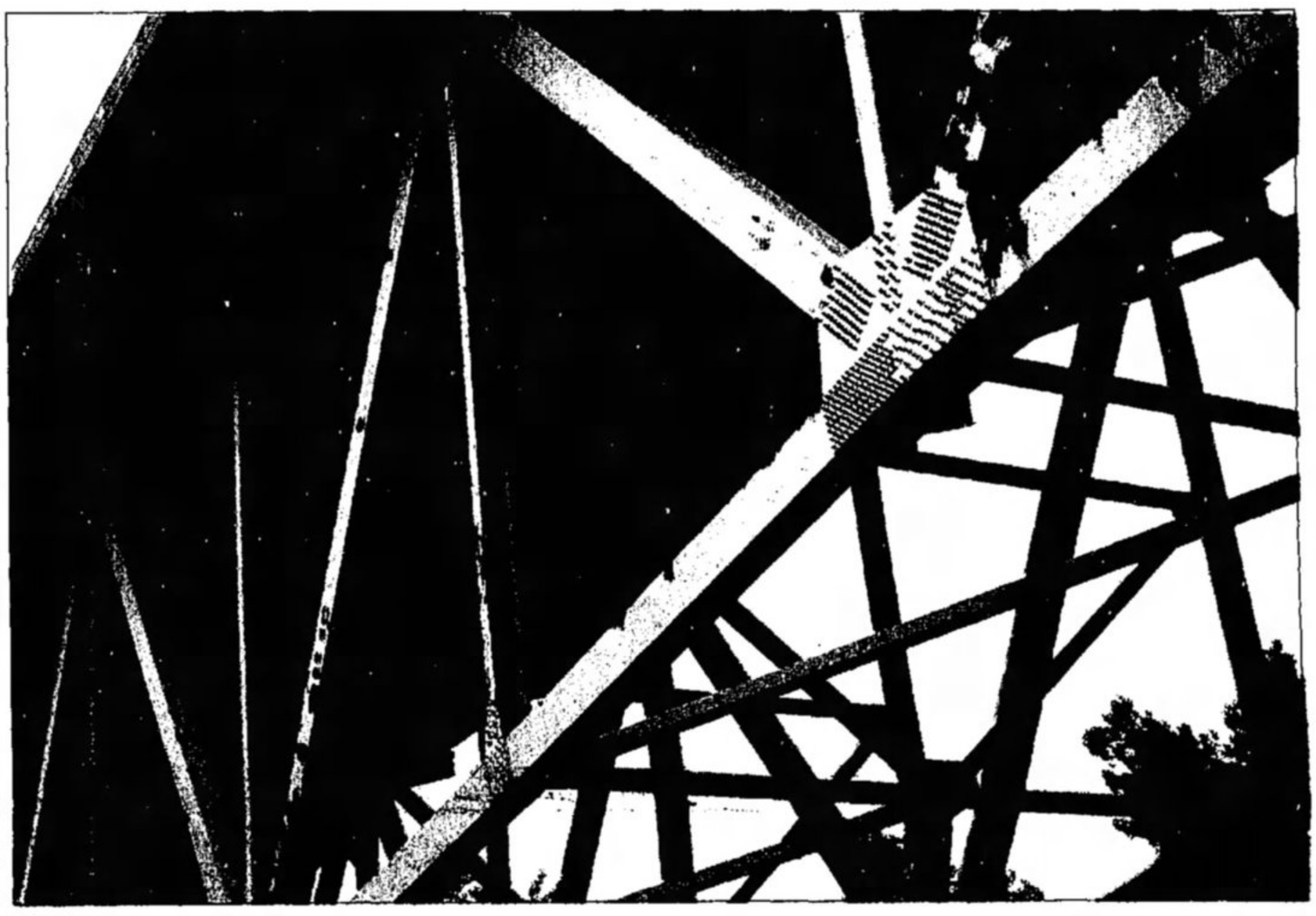
In other business, the board agreed to contribute $2,500 to the high school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter to send 12 students to the organization's state leadership conference in Hershey April 30 to May 2.

Chelen said the club requested $5,139 for the trip to cover registration, transportation and lodging costs for all of the students.

But the board previously agreed to a contribution cap of $2,500 for school-related trips.

"The contributions should be the same across the board," said President Maria Scuteri.

Chelen said the school board contributed $2,500 to the high school band for a recent trip to Orlando, adding that many students had to raise additional money on their own to attend.



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The Donora-Monessen Bridge is one of four deck truss spans in the Mid-Mon Valley. A collapsed bridge in Minnesota with a similar design was found to have a serious flaw.

Minnesota bridge probe catches PennDOT's eye

State highway officials say they will await word from their federal counterparts.

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The strongest piece of the I-35W bridge that collapsed last year in Minneapolis had a design flaw, federal investigators warned Pennsylvania and other states Tuesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board recommended states check the brace-like gusset plates in bridges with a similar design to the span that fell in August, killing 13 people and injuring more than 100.

Pennsylvania has 54 deck truss bridges, the most in the nation, including the Highland Park, Homestead Grays and Rankin bridges. Each bridge has several gusset plates -- flat steel pieces with rivets to connect steel beams.

In the I-35W bridge, gusset plates were a half inch thick but should have been an inch thick, Mark Rosenker, the safety board's chairman, said during a news conference in Washington.

"We are asking in a recommendation that the owners of those bridges do a recalculation of the entire structure before making any type of enhancements," Rosenker said.

PennDOT spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick said he was aware of the NTSB's concerns and that state officials were looking to the Federal Highway Administration for guidance.

There are four such bridges in the Mid-Mon Valley: The Donora-Monessen, Belle Vernon-Speers, Smithton High Level and Lane Bane Bridge in Brownsville.

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> CHAIRMAN MARK ROSENKER
> NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Valerie Petersen, spokeswoman for PennDOT District 12, said the gussets vary throughout each bridge.

However, during PennDOT's reinspection of the four local deck truss bridges, there were no issues with gussets.

The NTSB's recommendation is not binding. The Federal Highway Administration will determine whether to pass it on to bridge owners – mostly state, county and local governments.

"Whatever order comes out from the Federal Highway Administration, we will follow it," Kirkpatrick said.

Until then, the cost to the state and timeline for the checks can't be determined.

As a result of the Minneapolis collapse, PennDOT spent $1.9 million on extra inspections of 28 steel truss bridges it maintains. An unknown amount was spent on similar inspections by county and municipal governments.

The design check recommended

(See BRIDGE, Page 2A)

Valley man accused of Cal U Web threat

The suspect told police he never intended to act upon his online warning.

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A Mon Valley man admitted to police he posted an Internet message threatening to kill thousands of California University of Pennsylvania students because he was angry about the traffic jam near his home before classes began in the fall.

Zachary Brett Buday, 21, of California, Pa., was arraigned Tuesday in Charleroi before Magisterial District Judge Larry W. Hopkins on a charge of making terroristic threats. Buday was placed in the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $50,000 bond.

Campus police determined students, employees and school property were never in danger, said Angela Burrows, the university's director of public affairs.

Buday admitted being "angry" when he posted the threat on his MySpace Web page three months ago, but he told investigators he "never intended to carry out the threat," according to a criminal complaint filed with Hopkins.

When officers searched Buday's home, they found "no signs of any weapons, explosives, or harmful chemicals that could cause seriously bodily injury or death,"

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Education funding panel established

The commission was formed in response to a finance study.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted Tuesday to establish a special commission that will look at how the state financially supports its system of public education.

The House approved the Joint Legislative Commission on Public School Finance to recommend how state government should respond to a "costing out" study released in November on the cost of getting all public school students to meet academic expectations.

The costing out study estimated that Pennsylvania would have to spend about $5 billion more annually to meet current standards, and that most of the state's 501 school districts currently spend less than would be needed.

The House resolution that passed 192-to-2 would set up a 41-member commission, with goals that include finding ways to distribute state funds "adequately and equitably" while keeping districts accountable for meeting state proficiency standards.

"I do think a study is very, very important – the formula has not been changed in many years while the population has shifted across the state," said Rep. Kate Harper, R-Montgomery.

Harper said she obtained assurances that the commission's makeup would be changed to include taxpayers before deciding to support the resolution.

The state Senate will have to act in order for the commission to begin work.

Yesteryear

This group of friends enjoyed a picnic at Grasshopper Lake in Twilight sometime in 1948 or 1949. In front, from left, are Jack Fisher, Betty Ann Quigley, Teddy Quigley, "Bubba" and Theodore; standing, Tom "Boxey" Monack, Ray Wisneski, Jim Cratty, of Charleroi, who submitted the photo; and Alice Lindsay Elias. The remaining four people were not identified.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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Bush stops in Egypt

By The Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt – The Bush administration has been dismayed as hopes faded for a democratic swell in Egypt, but President Bush's visit today showed there is a pulse of political dissent.

Protesters who don't like Egypt's authoritarian government went into the streets to say they don't like the American president, either.

Bush was paying a brief call on a historically important ally – the last stop on his eight-day Middle East tour – amid tension over Egypt's jailing of a political opponent and other democratic contractions. The three-hour, all-business visit contrasted with two days of compliments and colorful cultural diplomacy in Saudi Arabia.

Bush was greeted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Renewed Mideast peace talks will be a main topic of talks between the two leaders. Egypt, one of only two Arab states to broker peace with Israel, had urged Bush to do more to resolve the Palestinian conflict with Israel.

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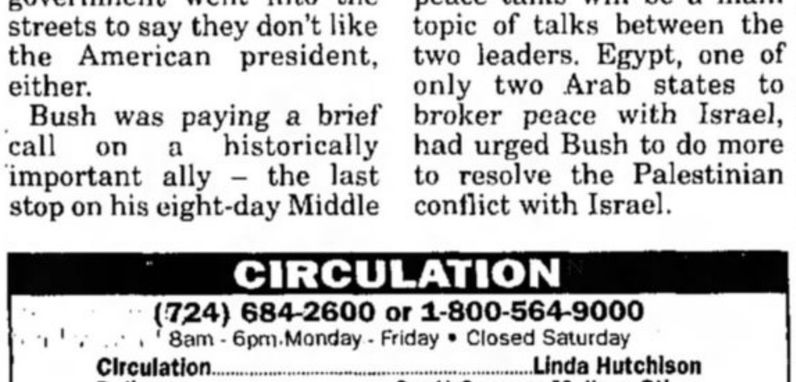

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GOP leader explores Pike lease

With economic conditions in question, interest in some type of plan is growing.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG – Gov. Ed Rendell's push to privatize the Pennsylvania Turnpike, once on life support, is gaining significant momentum.

Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati, the Senate's top GOP leader, said Tuesday he is working on a "hybrid" lease plan that could generate billions of dollars for transportation needs.

"I am going to lead this effort to find an alternative" transportation plan, said Scarnati, R-Jefferson County.

Scarnati's interest is a major shift in the political landscape. Just a year ago, Rendell, a Democrat, found few lawmakers interested in privatizing the turnpike.

"It was (dead on arrival)," said Jim Lee, president of Susquehanna Polling and Research in Harrisburg.

Last month, House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Punxsutawney, said he is willing to look at turnpike leasing because of the amount of money it could raise.

"There seems to be momentum building here for privatization," said Joseph DiSarro, chairman of the political science department at Washington & Jefferson College.

DiSarro believes a declining economy contributes to the shift.

"If Republican leaders are slowly climbing aboard that train, it could move out of the station," said G. Terry Madonna, political science professor at Franklin & Marshall College.

Part of the reason for the change is the outcry over Act 44, a transportation funding plan adopted by the Legislature and signed by Rendell in July, said Senate Majority Whip Jane Orie, R-McCandless.

Orie was referring to public criticism of tolling Interstate 80 – a major component of the law – and outrage over the 10 percent tax on poured alcoholic drinks in Allegheny County.

Both could be repealed if Act 44 is reopened and turnpike privatization becomes law, Orie said.

Knocking out the tolls would leave a huge hole in the Act 44 funding scheme for highways, bridges and transit.

Lee said polling data suggest that leasing the turnpike might be the lesser of two evils to lawmakers.

Pennsylvanians oppose privatizing the turnpike and the tolling of I-80, Lee said, but the "intensity" of opposition to tolling I-80 in Northern Pennsylvania mirrors the white-hot level of anger over the 2005 legislative pay raise.

"Leasing the turnpike may be more palatable politically," Lee said.

Scarnati had been criticized in his district for voting for the transportation bill and the I-80 tolls, Madonna said.

Scarnati said he is looking at the privatization concept "with a few twists."

Scarnati said he expects to receive a proposal from Rendell, probably in March, that would provide details on a potential lease. The Legislature must approve any lease agreement.

"The governor continues to explore the turnpike lease option and has staff working towards finalizing a concession agreement which would serve as a basis for requesting bids," Rendell spokesman Chuck Ardo said. "We would hope the process can get under way within the next couple of months."

Scarnati said his plan will involve a lease component. The details aren't known.

What he is working on "will be a hybrid plan," Scarnati said.

Scarnati wants to see tighter government control, a ban on foreign ownership and reforms of how the turnpike is operated.

"I have major problems sending boatloads of money to a foreign country," Scarnati said.

Preventing foreign companies from participating will "leave billions of dollars on the table," said Matthew Brouillette, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, which advocates privatizing the turnpike.

Rendell is expected to push the turnpike lease again in his budget address to the General Assembly early next month.

"There's been more conversation and dialogue about this, at least in the Senate, than I have ever seen in the past," said Orie, who last year proposed eliminating the Turnpike Commission and putting it under PennDOT.

That proposal fell flat.

Estimates of the turnpike's value in a long-term lease range from $10 billion to $30 billion. The payment to the state would depend on the restrictions the state places on a company operating the turnpike, such as limits on toll increases.

The idea behind Rendell's plan is to take that up-front payment, invest it and take an annual amount for transportation funding – to maintain and repair highway and transit systems.

The 10 percent tax on poured alcoholic drinks in Allegheny County was included in Act 44 to give the county revenue to pay an increased local share for mass transit. County Chief Executive Dan Onorato received approval from County Council to levy the tax.

Part of the interest in pursuing a privatization bill is a growing realization that the federal government might not approve I-80 tolling, Orie said.

"I'm convinced the feds won't approve the tolling request," said Senate Majority Caucus Chairman Jake Corman, R-Centre County, who favors turnpike privatization.

Scarnati's statement in an interview with the Tribune-Review followed the announcement Monday that Sen. John Gordner, R-Bloomsburg, is seeking co-sponsors for a bill that would lease the turnpike in three segments.

Bridge (FROM PAGE ONE)

by the NTSB will cost more, but the agency won't know how much until federal officials agree on the scope of the checks. For example, officials might encourage states to check only the thickness of gusset plates, or seek a broader examination of all bridge parts to ensure their designs are correct.

The safety board's recommendation would apply to bridges being modified or improved, but federal officials could opt to seek checks on all steel truss bridges.

Inspectors found no problems with Pennsylvania's truss bridges, such as cracks or excessive deterioration, during months-long checks after the collapse. Of the 54 bridges, 21 are in Allegheny County.

Nationally, 464 bridges have designs similar to the former Minnesota bridge across over the Mississippi River.

"We do not today know what caused the I-35 bridge collapse, nor do we have indications that other similar bridges in this nation have the kind of flaw we saw in this one," Rosenker said.

The safety board plans to complete its investigation in the fall. The final report will include the cause of the accident, which Rosenker described as "the straw that broke the camel's back."

Threat (FROM PAGE ONE)

the complaint states.

According to the complaint: County 911 operators received an anonymous tip Monday that someone with the username "Boot-Strap Bootie" posted the threat on MySpace.com.

The Web page is only available to friends of Buday, who told police he is "Boot-Strap Bootie."

Burrows said Buday is not a Cal U student. Buday's friends told investigators he was kicked out of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for bad grades and abuse of alcohol and drugs, the complaint states.

"Buday said that he did in fact put the message '12,000 Cal-U students are gonna get killed' on his MySpace (page). Buday said he did that in frustration with the Fall 2007 move-in day traffic congestion problem that occurred near his residence," the complaint states.

Cal U has about 8,000 students.

Valley briefs

School bus crash injures three

Two Ringgold School District students were injured Tuesday morning when a vehicle struck a bus from behind on Route 88, near Skeets Auto.

Ringgold Superintendent Gary Hamilton said a 12-year-old Finleyville Middle School student suffered minor injuries about 8:30, when the car in which his mother, Shelly Mavilla, was driving him to school struck a school bus stopped at an intersection.

The bus, driven by Christina Kennedy, had been headed to Gastonville Elementary Center.

The mother and son were taken to Jefferson Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries, Hamilton said.

Hamilton said the driver of the car told him she was blinded by the sun and was not able to stop before hitting the bus, which was about a mile from its destination.

One of the 16 children – a girl – on the bus, a Gastonville student, also was taken to Jefferson Regional Medical Center and released later in the day after being treated for a minor neck injury.

The rest of the students on the bus were not injured and continued on to school, Hamilton said.

Hamilton said the exhaust system on the bus was damaged, but it was able to be driven to the district's maintenance shed for repairs.

State police from the Belle Vernon Barracks investigated the crash.

Brownsville man admits gun charge

A Fayette County man pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to a charge of violating federal firearms laws.

Bruce Edward Fitzgerald, 25, of Brownsville, entered the plea before Senior U.S. District Judge Maurice B. Cohill.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Love told the court that on Nov. 2, 2006, state police in Uniontown arrested Fitzgerald while he was in possession of a loaded 9 mm handgun. Fitzgerald has a previous felony conviction and is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.

State police accused Fitzgerald of pointing a gun at a trooper while fleeing a traffic stop.

Fitzgerald has been imprisoned without bail since his arrest.

He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a potential fine of $250,000.

Pro wrestler faces trail for DUI

Professional wrestler and Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle has been ordered to stand trial on a drunken driving charge.

Moon Township police say they charged 39-year-old Angle on Sept. 28 after a motorist told them Angle cut her off while pulling out of a bar parking lot that afternoon.

A police officer testified Tuesday he went to Angle's Moon Township home, where the wrestler admitted to driving the vehicle and drinking a few beers at the bar that day. Police say Angle failed field sobriety tests and refused a blood test.

Angle's attorney says police couldn't place Angle in the vehicle at a specific time.

Angle won a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics.

Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent

Parishioner Anthony Miralles is sprinkled with holy water by the Very Rev. John Kluchko as the priest ends his final Liturgy at Holy Resurrection Church on the Feast Day of Theophany.

Rev. Kluchko, wife retiring 42 years after moving here

Emma Jene **LELIK**

"It's time to say so long. New people come into our lives. I ask you to welcome the new priest (Father Sam Smolcic)."

With those final words of farewell, the Very Rev. John Kluchko ended a pastorate of 42 years at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in the Lynnwood section of Washington Township on Theophany Sunday.

When Father Kluchko and his wife, Mildred, first came to the area, the priest was asked to serve at the newly organized Holy Resurrection Church while he was attending graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was pursuing a degree in social work.

"We built the new church and I stayed on," Kluchko said of his long tenure.

He had served short pastorates in Bethlehem, Pa. and Elmira, N.Y., after being ordained by Archbishop Dimitri in New Jersey in 1962. He was born in Shenandoah, Pa., on July 15, 1938.

Under his guidance, the new church was also furnished and many educational programs were sponsored for the parish and the community.

Father Kluchko acknowledged the support of St. Barbara's Altar Guild for the church and the community.

"If they see a need, they act on it," the priest said. "For example, they learned about a family outside the parish that needed a van. The guild raised $1,000 for them without expecting anything in return."

The parishioners are well-known for baking Baba's Pascha during the Easter season and nut rolls at Christmas time.

The church was in the news spotlight a number of years ago, when Father Kluchko walked in to prepare for a memorial service and noticed oil dropping from the face of the icon of the Theotokos (Mother of God).

The "weeping icon" was visited by hundreds of people during the period of three weeks when the oil was visible.

The Kluchkos will reside in Bridgeville in their retirement.

But first, they'll spend several weeks in Kiev, Ukraine, visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Luke and Oksana. Luke is on a three-year assignment in Kiev for the U.S. Defense Department.

This will give the Kluchkos a chance to meet their new twin grandchildren, Emily and Michael, born in October. Luke and Oksana also have a daughter, Marianna, 5.

The Kluchkos' daughter and son-in-law, Kyra and Egor Panchenko, live in New Jersey. They have a son, Dmitri, 2.

Their other daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and John Noble, also reside in New Jersey with their two children, Brendan, 7, and Aiden, 3.

As our interview ended, Father Kluchko offered these words of wisdom:

"Life is unpredictable. Use the day well."

Jury selection continues for Dr. Cyril Wecht's trial

Jury selection in Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's federal public corruption trial was continuing today, with 54 potential jurors making it through the first two screening phases.

Of the 60 potential jurors who reported to U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh this week as part of the second pool of potential jurors, 38 were dismissed Tuesday. A similar number were dismissed Friday from the first pool.

Today, another 60 potential jurors will report to fill out 24-page juror questionnaires and go through the initial selection process. Final jury selection will begin Jan. 23.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill is accused of using his office as Allegheny County coroner for private gain.

Burned teenager conerned about his missing dog

"Cinnamon" hasn't been seen since Jan. 9 - the day Lyle Offerman suffered severe burns.

By JEFF OLIVER
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CARROLL TOWNSHIP - The mother of a 16-year-old boy who was burned in an accident last week is asking for help from the public to find her son's dog.

Christie Offerman said her son, Lyle, is trying to get out of the burn unit at West Penn Hospital earlier than doctors are recommending because he wants to come home and look for his dog, "Cinnamon."

Lyle Offerman, of 125 Donora Road, was burned in an accident at his home on Jan. 9.

He had been trying to start at fire in a wood burner in the garage when flames shot out and hit his hands and legs.

When the accident took place, Lyle ran into the basement and dropped and rolled in order to extinguish the flames on his arms and shorts.

His sister, Leighann, came running with a fire extinguisher and Lyle took it and ran to the garage and tried to put the flames out even though he was seriously burned.

He was flown by emergency helicopter to West Penn Hospital with burns over 12 to 15 percent of his body. Most of the burns are third degree.

"With all he is dealing with now, his big concern is for his dog," said Christie Offerman.

"Cinnamon ran off earlier that afternoon and has not come back. He's blaming himself for the dog being missing."

Christie Offerman said Cinnamon is a 12-year-old petite half-lab, brown in color. The dog is hard of hearing.

"We're hoping that maybe someone in the area picked him up and was trying to track down the owner," she said. "We would be so happy if someone can help us get our dog back.

"Lyle would be so happy. It would make his day."

Christie Offerman said that her son used the fire extinguisher to put out the fire even while burned skin "was falling off his hands."

She also praised the work of firefighters and emergency personnel who responded to the scene so quickly after the accident.

"If it were not for their quick actions, my house might be gone and so might my kids," she said in a trembling voice. "We are so grateful for everyone's work that day."

She also praised neighbors who assisted in any way, as well as relatives and friends who have been helpful during Lyle's recovery.

"So many people have helped us out and I can't say enough how much I appreciate what the firefighters have done for my son," she said.

As for her son, she said she is optimistic about his recovery.

"He's a tough cookie," she said.

"He has been clowning a bit in the hospital. As long as he does that, I know he is OK."

Lyle, a newspaper carrier for *The Valley Independent*, is a sophomore at Ringgold High School.

Anyone with information about his missing dog is asked to call (724) 379-5046.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

BELLICINI — Andre A. Bellicini, 95, of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

CULYBA — Mary Culyba, of Bethel Park, formerly of Donora, on Monday, Jan. 14. Beinhauer-Connell Funeral Service Company, Bethel Park.*

GISHNOCK — Ernest P. Gishnock, 55, of Donora, on Monday, Jan. 14. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.*

HOUGH — George N. Hough, 84, of Fayette City, on Saturday, Jan. 12. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

NUTTING — Bernice G. Nutting, 95, formerly of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

RYGIEL — Erma Rygiel, of Fayette City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.

SANGERMANO — Herman E. Sangermano, 77, of Monongahela, on Monday, Jan. 14. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

STASKO — Mary W. Stasko, 85, formerly of Monessen, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

VALKO — Martin J. Valko, 72, of New Castle, formerly of Donora, on Monday, Jan. 14. Ed & Don DeCarbo Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., New Castle.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
ALBRIGHT, Betty J.*
*** See death notice**

Betty Jean Albright
Dunedin, Fla.

Betty Jean Spatz Albright, 83, of Dunedin, Fla., formerly of Reading and Pleasant Hills, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, in Mease Dunedin Hospital. Betty Jean was the widow of R.B. "Bing" Albright. A memorial service will be held at the Monongahela Cemetery when the flowers bloom. The FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., Monongahela, is in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Andre A. Bellicini
Monongahela

Andre A. Bellicini, 95, of Monongahela, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. Born June 6, 1912, in Bologna, France, he was a son of the late Giacomo and Stephenina Cattaneo Bellicini. He began working for the Bethlehem Coal Co. at their Ellsworth Mine and for Pittsburgh Coal at their Mathies and Montour No. 4 mines until his retirement in 1969. Mr. Bellicini was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Monongahela and a 50-year member of the Henry M. Philips Masonic Lodge No. 337 in Monongahela, the Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter 249 and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh. He also was very active in the Monongahela Senior Center and enjoyed going to the Mon Valley YMCA. Mr. Bellicini was a certified First Aid instructor for the American Red Cross and Pittsburgh Coal Co. He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, John A. and Joy Bellicini, of Monongahela, Pierre A. and Loretto Bellicini, of Erie, and Andre A. II and Olga Bellicini, of Lititz; one daughter, Michele R. Sweeney, of Monongahela; one brother, Anthony Bellicini, of Monessen; 10 grandchildren, Lynn C. Keddal-Bradshaw, R. Scott Keddal, Dr. Nicholas A., Dr. Christopher J., Cari, Zachary, Alex and Lilly Bellicini, Elise Bellicini-Roemer, and Patrick M. and Lauren E. Sweeney; five great-grandchildren, Laurie Hagman, Lee Bradshaw, and Kayla, Kendyl and Brynne Roemer. Preceding him in death was his wife, Clotilde (Brunella) Bellicini; a daughter, Norine E. Keddal; two brothers, Dominick and Leo Bellicini; and a son-in-law, Robert M. Keddal. Friends will be received in the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY to Grace Lutheran Church, 911 Howard St., Monongahela, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. for 11 a.m. services with the Rev. Raymond Ursin officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Culyba
Bethel Park
Formerly of Donora

Mary Culyba, 85, of Bethel Park, formerly of Donora, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008. She was a member of the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archieparchial Choir, the Tapestry Choir, the Slovak Ladies Luncheon Group, and Greek Catholic Union Lodge No. 52. Mary was in the Foreign Service of Department of State and served in numerous foreign countries. She was the sister of John D. Sr. (Emmy), Peter (Dolores), Michael, Anne Pantuso, Veronica Kovalak, and Andrew; sister-in-law of Lillian Culyba and Raymond Pantuso. She is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Basil C. Sr. and Mary Culyba, she was preceded in death by one brother, Basil C. Culyba Jr. Friends will be received at BEINHAUER-CONNELL, 5120 West Liberty Ave., Bethel Park (412-835-7940), on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Divine Liturgy will be in St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m., followed by interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Donora. A Parastas Service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. To add or view tributes, go to www.beinhauer.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ernest P. Gishnock
Donora

Ernest P. Gishnock, 55, of Donora, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at his residence. He was born in Brownsville on Aug. 6, 1952, a son of the late Joseph E. and Mary D. Bohatch Gishnock. He was employed as a crane operator with USX Steel, Irvin Works. Ernest was a member of the Charleroi Sportsman's Club, and he loved to ride his Harley Davidson with his brothers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Takach Gishnock, on Nov. 11, 2005. Survivors include his children, Terri (Todd) Link, of Canonsburg, Tina Evans and fiance, David Neczypir, of Carnegie, Rachel Eileen Cunningham, of Uniontown, and Nikolai (Belinda) Gishnock, of Alexandria, Va.; four brothers, Edward (Jackie) Gishnock and Mark Gishnock, all of Fayette City, Gregory (Debbie) Gishnock, of Belle Vernon, and Danny (Lisa) Gishnock, of Filbert; grandchildren, Delania and Todd Link, and Alysia and Chloe Neczypir; former spouse, Gloria Jean Shamsi; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-7000) on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 19. Complete service information will be announced in Thursday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

George N. Hough
Fayette City

George N. Hough, 84, of Fayette City, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital Inc., Carroll Township. He was born Dec. 30, 1923, in Washington Township, Fayette County, a son of the late John Blanchard Hough and the late Eva Hale Hough. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co., Allenport plant. Mr. Hough, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, was a member of Brightwell-Daugherty American Legion Post No. 484 in Fayette City. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lessman Hough; and two sons, Thomas (Peggie) Hough, of Monongahela, and Robert (Debbie) Hough, of Fayette City; two grandsons, Mathew (Amanda) Hough, of Gainesville, Va., and Brandon Hough, of Fayette City; one granddaughter, Bree (MSGT Thomas) Martinak, of Fort Polk, La.; one great-granddaughter, Olivia Hough; and one great-grandson, Mason Martinak. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Harry and Richard Hough; and Sister Sarah Hough. Private funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at 1 p.m. in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Fayette City, with Pastor Robert Semonsick officiating. Interment followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Bernice G. Nutting
Formerly of Charleroi

Bernice G. Weibl Nutting, 95, formerly of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Kane Regional Center, Glen Hazel. She was born Dec. 12, 1912, in Donora, a daughter of the late John and Anna Norkus. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi. Surviving are two daughters, Joan Caban, of Swissvale, and Katherine Koch, of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond Weibl, and her second husband, Harry Nutting; and two brothers and two sisters. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church. Private interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Herman E. Sangermano
Monongahela

Herman E. Sangermano, 77, of Monongahela, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. Born July 26, 1930, in Monongahela, he was a son of the late John Sr. and Angelina J. Smaldone Sangermano. He had worked for over 40 years at his barber shop in Finleyville. Mr. Sangermano was a 1948 graduate of Monongahela High School. He is survived by his wife, Antoinette "Babe" Esper Sangermano, whom he married July 4, 1959; a son, Armand J. Sangermano, of Monongahela; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela M. and Jeff Jackman, of Summerfield, N.C.; three grandchildren, Jeffrey M., Nicole M. and Amanda Jackman; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his brother, John A. Sangermano. At the request of the family, there will be no visitation, and funeral services will be private. The MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary W. Stasko
Formerly of Monessen

Mary W. Stasko, 85, formerly of Monessen, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Golden Living Center of South Hills, Canonsburg. She was born Dec. 7, 1922, in Louisville, Ky., a daughter of the late Jack and Fern Woodcock Wilson. Mrs. Stasko was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary. She is survived by one son, Edward (Denise) Stasko, of Belle Vernon; three daughters, Fern Stasko, of Williamsburg, Ky., Ruth Ann Lynn, of Ohio, and Lucille (Ted) Bendel, of Charleroi; 10 grandchildren, Edward (Missy) Stasko, Brandon Stasko and Rene Stasko, all of Belle Vernon, Michael Todd Stasko, of Florida, Laura Stasko, of Kentucky, Jimmy (Margie) Stasko, of Rices Landing, Maria Stasko, of Charleroi, and Johnny Lynn, Jennifer Lynn and Joey Mariani, all of Monessen; and numerous great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Edward Stasko; and two sons, Jimmy A. Stasko and Michael Stasko. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, on Thursday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m., followed by interment in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Martin J. Valko
New Castle
Formerly of Donora

Martin J. Valko, 72, of New Castle, formerly of Donora, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at his residence. He was born Oct. 22, 1935, the son of the late Martin Valko and Margaret Matta. A retired accountant, Mr. Valko was a graduate of Penn State University and a former U.S. Army Reservist. He was a member of St. Camillus Church in New Castle and enjoyed world traveling. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Moore, whom he married Dec. 6, 2003; one step-daughter, Nancy (Kent) Sorenson, of Minnesota; one step-son, David (Lori) Moore, of Moon Township; and two grandchildren, Max and Maddie Moore. Friends will be received Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the ED & DON DeCARBO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, 3000 Wilmington Road, New Castle (724-658-4711). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. in St. Camillus Church, New Castle. Burial will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jameson Memorial Hospital, New Castle. On-line condolences may be received at www.decarbofuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Charges of simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct against Raymond Paul Lorkowski Jr., 20, of 606 1/2 Broad Ave., North Belle Vernon, were withdrawn by the prosecution.

Lorkowski was charged in connection with an incident Jan. 1 at his residence.

■ Daniel James Capp, 33, of 4620 Mapledale Drive, Munhall, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Capp was charged with driving under the influence of controlled substance and traffic violations after an incident Aug. 23 on West Main Street in West Newton.

■ Robert S. Vranick, 48, of 10 Coyle Road, West Newton, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Vranick was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after an incident Nov. 22 on North Water Street in West Newton.

■ Nicole Marie Moorhead, 34, of 508 Church St., Herminie, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Moorhead was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations in eonnction with an incident Nov. 24 in the 100 block of West Main Street in West Newton.

■ A bad checks charge against Tiffany Jones, no age listed, of 15 Main St., Jacobs Creek, was withdrawn by the prosecution. Jones was charged in connection with a check written Aug. 28 to the Shop 'n Save in Rostraver Township.

■ James Gerald Smith, 27, of 636 Highland Ave., Donora, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Smith was charged with accidents involving death or personal injury while not properly licensed, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and traffic violations after an incident May 11 on Route 906 in Rostraver Township.

■ Marcus Byron Greer, 22, of 417 N. Fourth St., West Newton, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Greer was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after an incident Oct. 14 on Route 3037 in Sewickley Township.

■ Charges of simple assault, and criminal mischief against Falaksher B. Najam, 21, of 6 Marlborough Drive, Port Royal Village, Rostraver Township, were dismissed. Najam was charged after an incident Dec. 1 at his residence.

■ Brandie Lee Antol, of 319 Ohio St., Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Antol was charged with forgery and criminal conspiracy after an incident Oct. 22 at Hometown Pharmacy in Willowbrook Plaza in Rostraver Township.

■ Harold Allen Carpenter, 31, of Tony Tow Road, Star Junction, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Carpenter was charged with terroristic threats, traffic violations and four counts of recklessly endangering another person after an incident Sept. 22 on Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

Family of Michaela R. Blatnik

In the midst of our sorrow, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved mother, Michaela Rose Blatnik. We especially wish to thank Father David Dzermejko for his prayers, consoling words and spiritual comfort, as well as Sister Wilma. We would like to thank the entire staff of Monongahela Valley Hospital Emergency Room, the crew of Stat Med e Vac, Mon Valley E.M.S., the entire staff of Mercy Hospital ICU, Schrock Hogan Funeral Home and all the donors of the many masses, beautiful floral tributes as well as all those who assisted in any way at the funeral.

The Blatnik Family

In Memory Of
Sherry Coccari

In loving memory of our beloved wife and mother, Sherry Coccari, who passed away 1 year ago today, January 16, 2007.
We can't know why some things happen...but we can know that love and beautiful memories outlast the pain of grief. And we can know that there's a place inside the heart where love lives always...and where nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten.
Sadly missed and loved by husband Randy and children Jodi, Kim and Chris

To My Wife Genny

If tears could build a stairway
to Heaven, I would walk up to
Heaven and bring you back to us. It is two years today that you were taken away.
There were no farewell words spoken, no time to say goodbye. You were gone before I knew it. Your youngest child was with you when God took you. How I wish I was there. My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to love you, no one could ever know.
I know you want me to mourn for you no more, but to remember the happy times until we are together again. There is a hollow place within the hearts of all who knew and loved you.
You will always stay there and I pledge that you will never be forgotten.
In loving memory,
Ben, your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Assistance board to meet Thursday

A meeting of the Washington County Board of Assistance will be held 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the assistance office, 167 N. Main St., Washington.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 16

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2008. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

On this date:

■ In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

■ In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

■ In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

■ In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

■ In 1957, three B-52's (accompanied at first by two spare aircraft) took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

■ In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

■ In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

■ In 1988, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after telling a Washington, D.C., TV station that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce stronger offspring.

■ In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

■ **Ten years ago**: NASA officially announced that John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, would fly aboard the space shuttle later in the year.

■ **Five years ago**: The space shuttle Columbia blasted off under extremely tight security; on board was Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy on Feb. 1, when the shuttle broke up during its return descent, killing all seven crew members.)

■ **One year ago**: Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) launched his bid for the White House. Jury selection began in the CIA leak trial of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. Two car bombs exploded outside Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad, killing at least 70 people. Actor Ron Carey ("Barney Miller") died in Los Angeles at age 71.

Associated Press

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican presidential hopeful, makes a speech Tuesday after winning the Michigan GOP primary.

South Carolina next GOP focus

Democrats vying for support in Nevada.

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Republican presidential contenders focused their energies on South Carolina's GOP primary just four days off with still no clear front-runner after a critical Michigan victory for Mitt Romney and with John McCain facing what could be a make-or-break battle.

Democratic candidates vied for support ahead of Nevada's caucuses, also this Saturday, after a toned-down campaign debate in which rivals Hillary Clinton and Barrack Obama pledged to try to tamp down arguments between their respective camps over race. The Democratic contest also lacks a clear-cut leader.

McCain, who has perhaps the most at stake in South Carolina, wasted no time getting here. He arrived before the polls closed in Michigan.

The Arizona senator, who had been leading in national polls after winning last week's New Hampshire primary, vowed to fight on and predicted he would prevail here this time in the state that derailed his candidacy eight years ago.

"For a minute there in New Hampshire, I thought this campaign might be getting easier. But you know what? We've gotten pretty good at doing things the hard way, too," McCain told South Carolina supporters. "I think we've shown them we don't mind a fight."

The GOP race is scrambled, with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee having won the Iowa caucuses, McCain in New Hampshire and now Romney in Michigan.

In an interview with The Associated Press, as well as in his comments to supporters, McCain emphasized Romney's ties to Michigan. He grew up there and his father, George Romney, was an auto company executive and a popular governor.

"I congratulate him on that Michigan welcomed their native son with their support," the Arizona senator said in the interview.

For his part, Romney got off what appeared to be a gentle dig at McCain, calling his Michigan win "a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism." McCain said he didn't know what the former Massachusetts governor had in mind.

In Michigan, Romney had 39 percent of the vote, McCain had 30 percent and Huckabee 16 percent. No other Republican fared better than single digits.

All the major Republican candidates were campaigning on Wednesday in South Carolina.

McCain is hopeful for a strong showing in South Carolina, where his military background should provide a big help, and he needs to show that he's competitive in the South.

But South Carolina has been a disappointment for him in the past. In 2000, he won the New Hampshire primary only to see his campaign run into a wall in South Carolina, where George W. Bush emerged victorious and went on to wrap up the GOP nomination.

Also, among his rivals this time are two Southerners — Huckabee and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson. For Thompson's lagging campaign, the South Carolina race may be a last stand.

POLICE LOG

Rostraver

■ Elizabeth Johnson, 32, of 2104 Plainview Ave., Brookline, was charged with retail theft and criminal conspiracy; Kerri Marie Stefanik, 37, 208 Thompson St., Apt 1, Latrobe, was charged with criminal conspiracy to commit retail theft; Leslie Ann Steban, 30, of 315 Riverside Drive, Van Meter, was charged with retail theft, criminal conspiracy and criminal trespass; and Phylis Jean Willis, 49, of 635 Eureka St., Pittsburgh, was charged with retail theft and criminal conspiracy, 3:29 p.m. Jan. 8 at Wal-Mart, police reported.

■ James Patrick McConeghy, 28, of 530 South California Drive, Coal Center, was charged two counts of access device fraud and identity theft, and one count theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, incident 5:11 p.m. Dec. 7 at Kmart, police reported.

■ Karen Laura Swoger, 41, of 30 Hemlock St., Ellsworth, charged with forgery, theft by deception and receiving stolen property, Wal-Mart 10:55 a.m. Jan. 8, police reported.

California

■ Travis J. Gill, 23, of 316 Fifth St., California, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, and driving while operating privileged suspended; and Shawn Patterson, 23, of 830 Oakland Ave., Charleroi, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, and false identification to law enforcement officers following a traffic stop Thursday, police reported. Police said they uncovered various amounts of crack cocaine, marijuana and pills.

■ Police were called to a loud party on Second Street at 4 a.m. Sunday. The following people were cited for underage drinking: Patricia J. Bell, 19, of Sutersville, Anthony Berarducci, 20, of West Newton, Jacob D. Vranish, 20, of Irwin, and Douglas G. Harrison, 19, of West Newton.

Brandi R. Hall, 21, of Adah, Pa., also was cited for disorderly conduct, police said.

■ Christopher Jo Loeffert, 19, of Gibsonia, and a juvenile were cited for underage drinking at 1:45 a.m. Jan. 1 on Green Street, police said.

■ Jakob Allen Shimp, 20, of Carnegie, was cited for underage drinking, and Michael George Kauer Jr., 21, of Carnegie, was cited for public drinking, at 11:50 p.m. Saturday on Wood and Pennsylvania avenues, police said.

■ Michael William Johnson was cited at 10:15 p.m. Friday for aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, harassment, and underage drinking for an incident that occurred on Park Street. Johnson was arraigned via the video arraignment system in front of Magisterial District Judge Jay Dutton and remanded to the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $10,000 cash bond.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Howard Irwin, 37, of Charleroi, was cited for simple assault as a result of an incident that occurred 10:55 p.m. Jan. 13 on Pine Street in Bentleyville, police said.

■ Two Perryopolis residents suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle accident on State Route 51 in Star Junction on Jan. 14. According to police, vehicles operated by Arthur Zoonter, of Uniontown, and David Rabatin, of Perryopolis, were involved. Rabatin and a passenger in his vehicle, Nancy Rabatin, suffered minor injuries and were taken to Jefferson Hospital. Zoonter was not injured.

■ Leonard Jackson Sr., of Brownsville, was cited for violating a protection from abuse order during the hours of 9 to 11:35 p.m. Sunday at the home of Margaret Scott. He was also charged for allegedly throwing a cinder block through one of Scott's apartment windows at 1 a.m. Sunday. Jackson was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Michael Defino of Redstone Township and lodged in the Fayette County Prison in lieu of $10,000 straight cash bond.

Monongahela

■ A 17-year-old Finleyville boy was charged with disorderly conduct 2 a.m. Saturday on Fourth Street in New Eagle, police reported.

Southwest Regional

■ Joseph A. Shumar, 19, of Denbo, and a 17-year-old juvenile from Newell were cited for underage drinking 4:11 a.m. Saturday at 205 Morgan St. in Newell. In addition, Kristal G. Coneway, 29, and David Franklin Marshall, 31, both of 205 Morgan St., were charged with furnishing alcohol to minors. After Shumar had left the residence, Marshall and another unidentified male stopped him on the street and allegedly assaulted him, police said. Marshall is then alleged to have threaten and spat on the arresting officer. Marshall was additionally charged with simple assault, disorderly conduct, harassment and criminal mischief, police said.

Washington Township

■ Sometime from Jan. 5 to 7, someone entered 420 Hollywood St. and stole copper piping, snapping a gas line, which alerted police.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call police at (724) 929-6940.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $200,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

Lottery officials said 98 players matched four numbers and won $307.50 each; 3,449 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 37,266 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

DAY PICK 3:	6-7-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	5-7-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-0-7-8
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-9-9-1
TREASURE HUNT:	2-4-9-27-29
CASH 5:	3-15-20-21-22
MATCH 6:	5-8-19-34-41-44

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

DAY PICK 3:	0-9-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-0-3
DAY PICK 4:	7-5-1-6
NIGHT PICK 4:	8-0-1-5
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-5-9-13-25

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

DAILY 3:	1-3-7
DAILY 4:	7-3-8-0
CASH 25:	1-4-11-12-13-15

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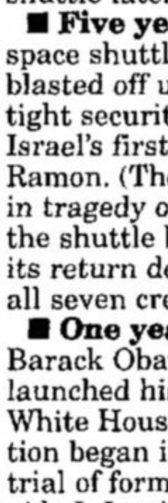

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OUR OPINION

Belle Vernon sewer project done right

THE FOLKS IN CHARGE of Belle Vernon's sewer separation project certainly learned from recent history.

By looking at and learning from the litany of mistakes made just a few blocks to their north over the course of the past few years, they stand ready to wrap up their $1.9 million project in March — on time and within budget.

That's a huge improvement from what transpired when North Belle Vernon launched a similar project several years ago.

As North Belle Vernon's beleaguered sewer line separation project dragged on year after year, residents of that borough were forced to live their lives surrounded by clouds of dust and drive on streets pitted by bomb crater-like holes.

Millions of dollars were spent on a system that council admitted would not work before a second costly effort was launched to get the job done.

The project developed into one of the most frustrating and ridiculous journeys in borough history.

But our purpose today isn't to drag up the shortcomings of what transpired in North Belle Vernon.

It's to tip our proverbial hat to the folks in Belle Vernon who managed to avoid the kind of pitfalls experienced by their northern neighbors and oversee a much-needed project near completion with, thus far, a minimal amount of trouble.

And for that we offer our congratulations.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo, on the Japan-China summit:

A "great leap forward" in Japan's bilateral ties with China seems to be the key phrase of Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda's diplomacy with China. His predecessor, Shinzo Abe, visited Beijing in October 2006 to "break the ice" in what were then frosty bilateral relations. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to Japan "melted the ice." Fukuda is apparently keen to build on this momentum so that ties further advance.

China gave Fukuda a red carpet welcome, showing that its leaders are also keen to see further progress in bilateral relations. Wen stood alongside Fukuda during the first-ever joint news conference of Japanese and Chinese leaders. President Hu Jintao, the head of state, held a banquet to welcome Fukuda. That in itself was also unusual.

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Relations between the two Asian giants began their leap forward many years ago, driven mainly by expanding economic links.

Their political ties, however, were poisoned by mutual distrust between the leaders and wild waves of nationalism. But the political atmosphere between the two capitals has finally calmed down and the improvement of political ties has steadily advanced.

Fukuda's visit did not lead to a settlement of the high-profile dispute over gas fields in the East China Sea, which remains a pending point in bilateral ties. But there is no reason to be pessimistic. It is obvious that diplomatic slogans are not enough to solve such a sticky issue. Diplomacy means finding ways to sort out conflicting interests of nations through tenacious negotiations. And that's a role and responsibility of political leaders.

The current leaders of the two countries deserve credit for their commitment to dealing with the dispute in a pragmatic manner without allowing it to develop into a bitter conflict fueled by nationalistic sentiments.

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No Middle East peace

Charley **REESE**

To understand the failure of the president's trip to the Middle East, which is foreordained and doesn't have to be completed in order to fail, take note of two words that the president will not utter: "occupied territories."

Let's review the situation from the standpoint of international law. The West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and a smidgen of Lebanon the Israelis still occupy are officially designated as occupied territories. They were seized in war. Jerusalem is officially an international city, so designated by the United Nations partition resolution that created the state of Israel. The Israelis, of course, long ago declared the resolution null and void.

As occupied territories, they fall under the Geneva Conventions. An occupying power is not allowed to take land or to build settlements in occupied territory. It is not allowed to destroy homes, to uproot olive groves, to deport people, and to wall the area off — all of which the Israelis have done and are continuing to do.

This brings us to the equation of negotiations. It is impossible for the Palestinians, whose land is occupied and whose lives are totally controlled by the most powerful military state in the Middle East, to make any concessions. To make a concession, you have to have something. They have nothing. They have no power. They don't control their land, their borders, their access to the sea or the air, the water or even their movements within the territories. Thanks to the American vetoes, they don't even have any recourse in the U.N.

The only party, then, that can make concessions is Israel, and Israel is not making any concessions, since it far prefers land to peace with an enemy that is virtually powerless.

Therefore, if the U.S. refuses to pressure Israel, there will be no peace. President Bush's trip is nothing more than a public-relations ploy to simulate an interest in peace. Bush is, however, unwilling to say or do anything that might actually result in Israeli concessions and therefore in peace. In fact, the main purpose of Bush's visit is to harangue the Arabs about the alleged dangers of Iran. He refuses to talk to the elected representatives of the Palestinians, who are Hamas members.

I see no change in Bush's thinking, if you can call it that, at all, but I do notice that he looks depressed. The last two public appearances I've watched on television show an unhappy man. The old cockiness and the silly smiles seem to have vanished. It could be that slowly the news is trickling into his brain that his administration has been a flop.

In the meantime, the Palestinians continue to suffer, the world continues to ignore their suffering, and the kettle that is the Middle East continues to simmer. It is never wise for either an individual or a country to believe that because it is powerful today it will always be powerful. The Middle East is an open-air museum of the ruins of past conquerors.

We Americans should pay particular note to the fact that time is not reckoned in the Middle East as it is in the West, where it was shaped by industrial factory life. There is an Arab story about a man who returned to his village after an absence of some weeks.

"Do you remember that man who insulted me 30 years ago?" he asks a friend. "Well, I just killed him."

"Why were you in such a hurry?" his friend asks.

It's quite a sad situation for everyone concerned. If I were an Israeli, I'd be concerned about forcing another generation of Palestinians to live in poverty and bitterness. I'd be concerned that another generation of Israeli children is going to have to grow up in a militarized state in the midst of a larger population that hates them. As an American, I'm concerned that cowardly politicians are putting Americans at risk out of fear of a domestic lobby.

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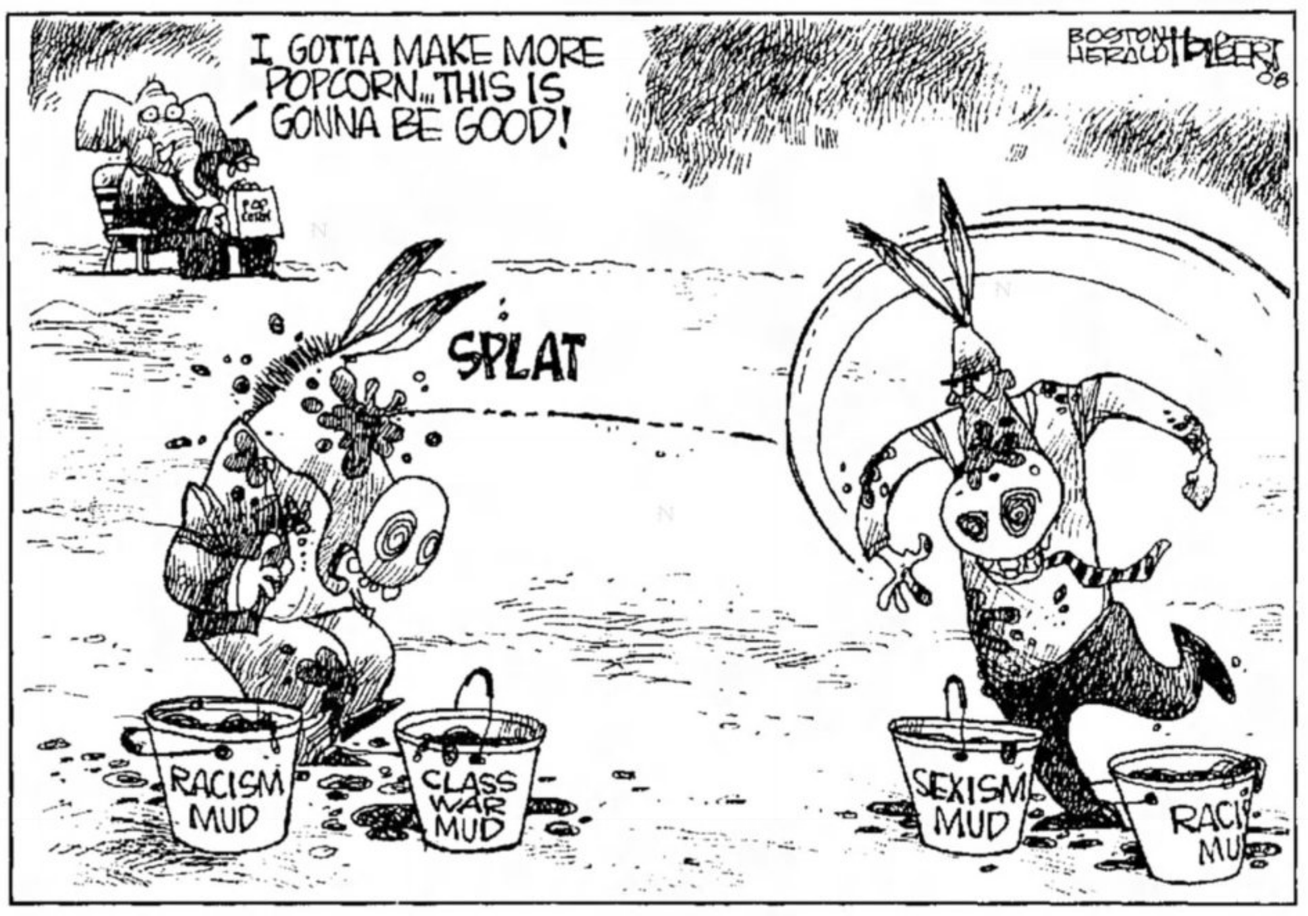

PC trumps security?

Diana **WEST**

The year is 1942. The place, the Pentagon. A Berlin-born aide to the U.S. deputy secretary of Defense has learned that a military intelligence officer has not only read Hitler's "Mein Kampf," but is lecturing senior officers about Hitler's heretofore unexamined goals of world domination.

This schweinhunt must go. At least, that's what the German-born staffer thinks. Did I mention he's fluent in German? That's partly why the deputy secretary of Defense relies so heavily on his aide's judgment on all things German, particularly when it comes to the War on Nazism's German outreach program. This program brings Nazi apologists into the inner sanctum of the American war machine ...

Sound crazy?

Travel forward to 1973. The deputy secretary of Defense's Soviet-born, Russian-speaking aide is gunning for the one intelligence officer who has boned up on Marx, Engels and Soviet military doctrine. Why? Because the officer refuses to "soften" his brief on communist ideology, and is presenting it to the military leadership — now hearing it for the first time since the Cold War began. If communist plans for global domination become common knowledge, the aide realizes, gazing thoughtfully at a blown-up photo of Soviet mouthpiece Vladimir Posner on his office wall, the Pentagon will surely change strategy and halt the USSR outreach program, which gives commie symps Pentagon access ...

Totally outlandish, right?

Once upon a time, yes. But this month, the Washington Times' Bill Gertz reported on a not entirely dissimilar real-life version of such fictions, the termination of Maj. Stephen Coughlin (USAR). Coughlin, a lawyer and reserve military intelligence officer, has been the Pentagon's sole specialist on Islamic law charged with lecturing senior officers on jihad doctrine — military leaders who have been fighting the so-called war on terror for years without an inkling of Islamic ideology. His contract with the Joint Staff will end in March, Gertz wrote, because Coughlin "had run afoul of a key aide" to the Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England.

That "key aide" is Cmdr. Hesham Islam (USN ret.), an Egyptian-born, Arabic-speaking Muslim whom England describes as "my interlocutor" and "personal, close confidante." According to Gertz, England's interlocutor and confidante confronted Stephen Coughlin seeking "to have Mr. Coughlin soften his views of Islamist extremism."

Note the irony in this choice of words. "Islamist" and "extremism," like "Islamofascism" and other euphemisms, are words that draw a PC curtain over mainstream Islam. They effectively shield the religion and its tenets from the scrutiny necessary to assess the ideology driving our jihadist enemies. Lifting that PC curtain on Islam and its jihadist tenets is precisely the affect of Stephen Coughlin's Pentagon brief. It goes against what political correctness tells us; it also goes against what Islamic advocacy groups tell us.

For example, Ingrid Mattson, president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), is someone who advocates decoupling the word "Islamic" from the word "terrorism" for discussions of, well, Islamic terrorism. Why do I mention this? ISNA is a group that has been strenuously "outreached" by Gordon England's Pentagon even as the Justice Department has officially labeled it a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood. Wonder if England ever thought much about the large picture of Mattson — head of what Justice has said is an MB front organization — hanging amid the photos on Hesham Islam's office wall.

What Hesham Islam wanted from Stephen Coughlin was a softer interpretation of Islamic law and jihad, and, as Gertz reported, in the process he slurred Coughlin as "a Christian zealot or extremist `with a pen.' " Now Coughlin is out.

This high-level effort, in effect, to deny the connection between Islamic law and what the military calls the "enemy threat doctrine" should ring bells, not just in the military, but in Congress, which obviously has Pentagon oversight responsibilities. And what about the FBI? When a citizen is denounced as a "Christian zealot or extremist" shortly before his government contract is dropped, has a civil rights violation occurred?

More questions. Why is the deputy secretary of Defense engaged in Muslim "outreach" in the first place? And how good (safe) is his "outreach" advice if, to name a couple of examples, it brings ISNA into a bizarro relationship with the Pentagon, and sends a longtime apologist for assorted terrorists, Muslim Public Affairs Council's Salam Al-Marayati, on a Pentagon-sponsored trip to Guantanamo Bay? When such advice brings the military's woefully belated education on jihad to a halt, it becomes shockingly clear that the Pentagon is more concerned with political correctness than protecting the nation.

MVH boosts imaging services

New equipment allows for remote viewing and faster evaluation.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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It is 2 a.m. when the radiologist on call gets a call at home, asking him to view a CT scan from a patient in the emergency room at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

But instead of dressing and driving to the hospital, the radiologist puts on his robe and sits down at a computer.

The medical image is electronically forwarded to him and he immediately provides an evaluation.

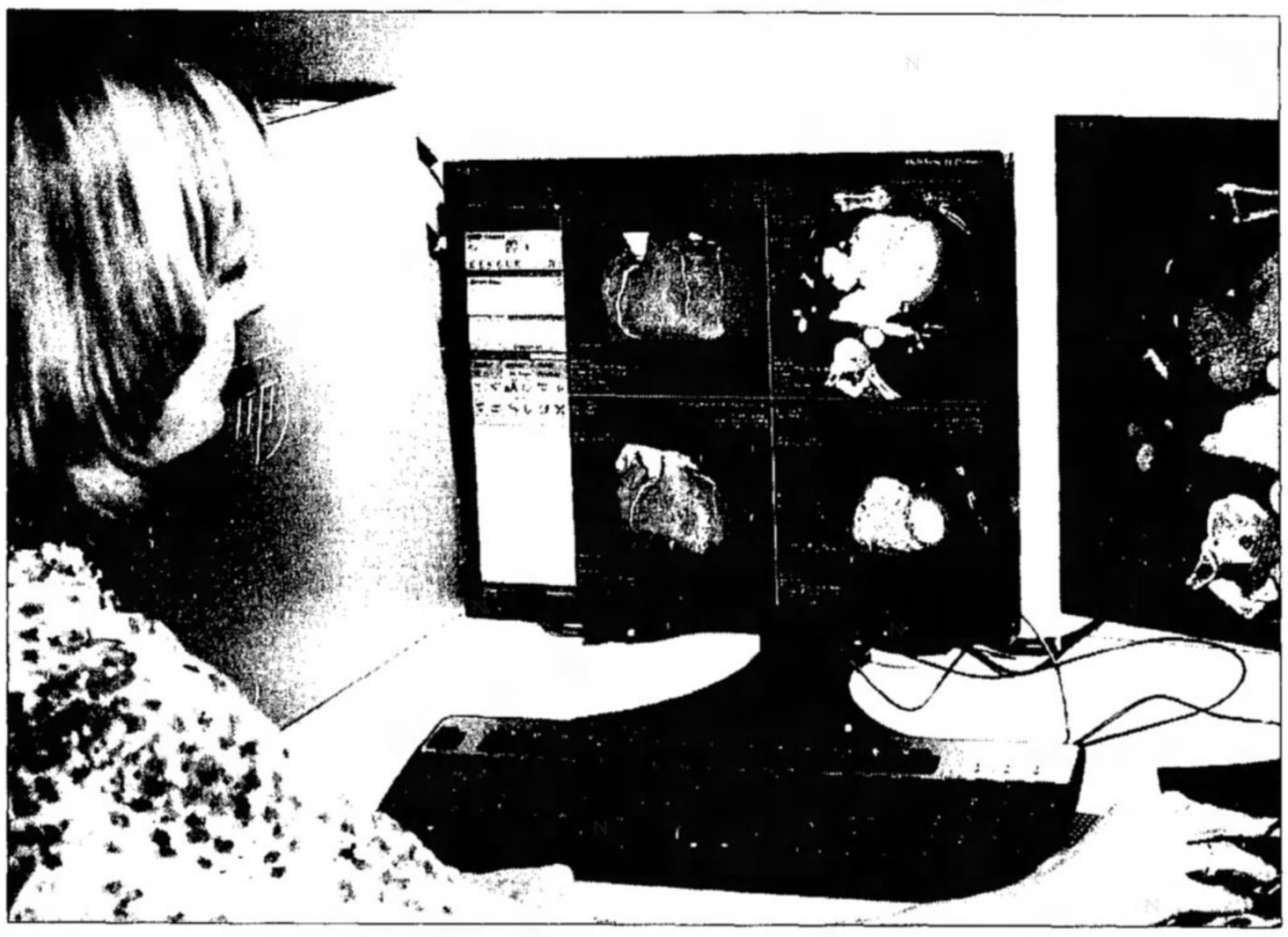
That scenario is now possible because of cutting-edge technology being implemented at the Carroll Township hospital.

The 2008 federal omnibus bill recently passed by Congress includes $85,500 for development of a neuroscience program at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The federal grant will help pay for a portion of the hospital's multi-million program.

MVH purchased a new computed tomography (CT) scanner and picture archiving and communications system to meet demand for imaging.

In 2006 alone, Mon Valley Hospital performed imaging procedures on more than 110,000 patients.

The hospital added the 64-slice LightSpeed Volume Computed Tomography system. It enables new imaging procedures in cardiology as well as faster imaging of the more traditional CT procedures.



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Special Procedures Chief Nancy Tomazin views an image on cutting-edge equipment at Monongahela Valley Hospital in Carroll Township.

The Picture Archiving Communication System allows digital images to be available on any computer terminal with appropriate software and screen resolution capabilities.

The technology permits medical imaging to move from film records to a filmless environment.

The picture archiving and communications system is being used in CT scans.

Plans are being made, however, to employ it in magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, diagnostic radiology. The hospital hopes to have picture archiving and communications technology implemented within six months, said Patrick Alberts, MVH senior vice president and chief operating officer.

In cardiology applications, the 64-slice CT scanner can capture images of a beating heart in five heartbeats or other organs in a second.

It can perform whole body trauma scans in 10 seconds, more than twice as fast as conventional multi-slice CT scanners.

The new scanner is in an addition at the back of the hospital, adjacent to the two existing CT scanners.

The technology permits doctors to view images from different buildings, speeding up diagnosis and treatment.

Images are stored on a server and can be burned onto a CD, said information systems director Sandra M. Osborne.

"Our mission statement is to enhance the health of the residents of the Mid-Monongahela Valley and this definitely is a step in that direction," Osbourne said.

This is more convenient for the patient than having to pick up the images at the hospital and take them to their physician, said Jan Forlini, director of imaging services.

With no need for film there is no chance that film can be lost, Forlini added.

Personnel can adjust image if it comes out too dark, too light or if its is a little blurry, Forlini said. Medical personnel reading the image can magnify it for an improved view.

The biggest advantage is that the new technology permits medical personnel in various locations to simultaneously view records, Osbourne said.

Healthplex in Rostraver Township will be linked to the picture archiving and communications system.

With the filmless system, scans do not have to be developed, saving time and speeding diagnosis.

"The most important thing is it's the right thing to do for the patient," said Alberts.

Hundreds attend procurement fair

The Cal U agency has sponsored nearly 30 of the events.

The California University of Pennsylvania Government Agency Coordination Office sponsored Procurement Opportunities Fair 2007 at the Sheraton Four Points in Mars.

It is the 28th such fair since the office opened in 1985.

The goal was to provide western Pennsylvania businesses with contracting and subcontracting opportunities.

The fair comprised 77 booths featuring government agencies, corporations, regional service organizations and area businesses.

Nearly 400 people participated, most of whom were sales representatives and owners of regional businesses.

The following were those with booths: U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Postal Service, state Department of Transportation, state Department of Environmental Protection, Pittsburgh Public Schools and Community College of Allegheny County, Lockheed Martin.

The California University of Pennsylvania Government Agency Coordination Office sponsored Procurement Opportunities Fair 2007 in Mars. At a booth, above, from left, are Donna Dominick, HEBCO Inc. production manager, and Kate Lacey Glodek, GACO Pittsburgh satellite office manager.

Agencies and business provided opportunities for businesses to pursue new marketing streams.

Since its inception, area clients have secured more than 26,590 contracts and subcontracts totaling nearly $2 trillion.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Citigroup suffering

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Intel profit up

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Intel Corp.'s profit leaped 51 percent as sales of microprocessors accelerated in the fourth quarter, but its shares plummeted on signs that the world's largest semiconductor maker is feeling the pinch of an ailing U.S. economy. The company narrowly missed Wall Street's profit and sales expectations.

IndyMac cutting

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Mortgage lender IndyMac Bancorp Inc. said Tuesday it will slash its work force by 24 percent, laying off 2,403 employees in a bid to cut costs as it tries to weather the worsening housing slump and sagging demand for home loans.

Cash flows in

NEW YORK (AP) – Merrill Lynch & Co. said Tuesday it is getting a fresh cash investment of $6.6 billion to strengthen its balance sheet, led by three foreign investment groups. Merrill Lynch has been raising capital after losing billions of dollars on bad bets in the mortgage market. Korean Investment Corp., Kuwait Investment Authority and Mizuho Corporate Bank will receive a special class of stock for their combined $6.6 billion investment.

Spending declines

WASHINGTON (AP) – Consumer spending, the critical bulwark that has kept the country out of recession, is showing signs of cracking. Retail sales plunged by 0.4 percent last month as consumers handed retailers their worst Christmas in five years. Consumers have been battered by a sinking housing market, rising unemployment and the credit crunch. The sales report was just the latest in a string of weaker-than-expected numbers that have economists worried that the current economic expansion could be in danger of faltering.

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Poverty afflicts Valley towns

Many areas are still reeling from the steel industry collapse in the 1980s.

By AUSTIN VAUGHT
Young Voices Correspondent

Life in the 1960s was not easy for Charles Lomago.

Living in the Mon Valley at the time, his family was living below the poverty level.

His father, who struggled to make ends meet, worked three jobs in order to provide for his family.

"We had nothing," Lomago said. "I wore left over hand-me-down clothes. I remember having to eat nothing but corn mush."

For the past 20 years, certain Mon Valley communities such as Monessen, Charleroi and Donora, have been plagued with a deteriorating economy and a poverty rate that has been increasing every year.

According to national statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, the national average of individuals living below the poverty level in 2000 was 12.4 percent.

The average number of people living below the poverty level was 15.7 percent in Monessen and 16.8 percent in Donora.

Even these numbers may seem small compared to the borough of Charleroi, where one out of every five people is considered to be living in poverty.

Darlene Bigler, executive director of Community Action Southwest, said other than the City of Washington and a few other isolated communities, the Mon Valley has one of the largest issues with poverty in the county.

Bigler

"The Mon Valley has pockets of very high poverty compared to other parts of Washington County," Bigler said, "especially concentrated parts along the Monongahela River."

Capt. Michael Jung, of the Salvation Army in Monessen, said despite these areas of high poverty, what is surprising is the lack of homelessness.

"The Mon Valley is a unique community," Jung said. "Poverty is big, but it is not seen as it is in other places. There is not a large homeless population."

Jung said instead, the poor go from house to house failing to pay the rent and getting themselves caught in major debt.

He also said poverty really hit once the steel mills left and the economy has been declining ever since.

"The jobs are all minimum wage," Jung said. "There is no money in the city."

The Salvation Army also does its part to fight poverty, as its well-known bell ringers collect money outside of businesses, but according to Jung, non-profit organizations can only do so much.

"Non-profits do what they can, but because of lack of funds, help is very limited" Jung said.

Many blame the collapse of the steel industry along the banks of the Monongahela River as one of the underlying causes for the area's demise.

According to Bigler, the steel jobs were replaced with service sector jobs that do not offer family-sustaining wages. Since then, no major industry has been established in the valley.

"Young people are moving out, and this area has a very slow economic growth rate." Bigler said.

Clyde Roberts, a business and economics professor at California University of Pennsylvania, said part of the steel industry's most recent decline was due to an $18 million loan that was approved by the Import-Export Bank during the Clinton administration.

The loan allowed Chinese steel company Benxi Iron and Steel Co. to buy equipment from U.S. manufacturers such as General Electric Co.

"High-paying jobs in the industry were replaced with lower paying jobs, and the number of the uninsured went up." Roberts said.

Bigler also said the Mon Valley has a drug and alcohol problem that creates many other issues.

In order to fight poverty, the community must work together to address the problem, he said.

"Whole communities need to care about poverty," Bigler said. "It can cause severe economic consequences. One thing is education and how to keep kids in school."

In order to help motivate people to care about poverty, there are many charities and organizations in the Mon Valley that work to educate and help the community.

Community Action Southwest is a non-profit organization that helps residents in Washington and Greene counties overcome problems and become self-sufficient. Their goal is to convince different communities to care about the causes and problems of poverty.

Although Donora, Monessen and Charleroi continue to suffer, not all Mon Valley communities have poverty issues. Monongahela has an individual poverty rate of 13.6 percent, which is just slightly above the national average.

Lomago said he believes Monongahela has been more successful because of the diversity of the community, whereas an estimated half of Monessen's population was employed at the Wheeling-Pittsburgh steel mill.

After the mill closed in the 1980s, a large portion of the city's population was left without jobs.

Because the residents of Monongahela worked at a number of different places, the city's economy stayed strong and was able to survive.

"Monongahela was almost like a bedroom community," Lomago said. "It survived well because only about 5 percent of the people worked at Wheeling-Pitt in Monessen."

Lomago said another reason for Monongahela's success was its ability to keep its small businesses.

"When you drive through Charleroi, you see a lot of empty buildings along the street," Lomago said. "Monongahela is good at keeping business along Main Street."

Volunteers help those who are under privileged.

Margie Bagan, a volunteer at the Monongahela food bank, said the reason she volunteers her time is because of the great feeling she gets from the experience

"There's a spiritual part of it," Bagan said. "There are a lot of people who are truly grateful. You just want to do it, you just want to help the people and provide what you can. It just makes you feel good, you know that there's a need there.

Austin Vaught, 20, of Finleyville, is a Cal U junior majoring in journalism.

Young Voices features Cal U

This month's edition of "Young Voices" features the work of students in Anthony Carlisle's journalism class at California University of Pennsylvania.

The Feb. 13 edition will feature the talents of high school students. All Mon Valley high school students are encouraged to participate by contact Stacy Wolford at (724) 684-2640 or via email at swolford@tribweb.com

The deadline for submissions for the February edition is Feb. 7.

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Internships are first steps toward careers

Cal U encouraging students to explore desired professions.

By KEITH LOUGHNEY
Young Voices Correspondent

Students today need more than just a college degree to land the job they want.

Employers are looking for college graduates who have experience, which requires internships, co-ops and job shadowing.

More college students are taking advantage of internships throughout their college experience and often are doing more then one internship.

During the course of an internship, students will figure out if their major is right for them and see if they enjoy working in that field.

Internships often led students to develop a relationship with their company and often students are offered a job after they graduate with the company they have interned with.

At California University of Pennsylvania, more students are doing internships. Approximately 2,200 students have completed internships during an academic year, according to their internship center, located in the Eberly building.

In 2005, Cal U opened the door to its first internship center.

Before Eberly, the college staff helped students get internships, but now there is a designated area on campus to get help.

Next to the internship center is a career services center.

"I would say that Cal just gets it, and does it well," said Karen Primm.

Primm, a 20-year employee, is one of three people hired at Cal U to help students find internships.

Primm claims Cal U is one of the few colleges or universities in the state that offers internships that work.

At the beginning of the internship process, students meet with a counselor from the internship center and the students are then presented with the right steps to landing a satisfying position.

The center has mapped everything out for the students and all they need to do is follow the steps that will make the internship process.

One unique feature is InternLink.

The InternLink was created to help students find internships with employers and to help employers find interns. This is one of the first steps in getting an internship.

A student will create an InternLink profile which shows the student interests, career choices and their major.

After students are ready to look for an actual internship, they will then make their profile to send to all the employers.

The internship center recommends starting the internship process very early.

During their freshman year, students are encouraged to take career-planning classes and utilize the career services resource center to make the process easier.

The career service resource center is open to all students.

"Take them seriously and take on as much work as you can," said Bryan Tolle.

Tolle said he knew he needed to do an internship for his career after transferring to Cal U in 2005, as a meteorology major.

Tolle developed a plan to get to where he is today. Tolle spent the first two years at Cal U networking and getting involved with CUTV and the meteorologist club.

Traveling to meteorology conferences, he was able to figure out what exactly he wanted to do, which was to be a broadcast meteorologist.

Tolle met with Primm during the 2007 spring semester to get help obtaining an internship.

Tolle obtained an internship at WTRF-TV 7 News in West Virginia in the Meteorologist Storm Tracker Lab 7.

Tolle helps run the lab and make changes to the forecast.

"I love what I do there, I feel the response from the other meteorologists on how well I am doing," Tolle said.

Rebecca Avakian knows the importance of internships as she starts her journey into a public relations career.

Avakian is a Cal U senior who did her internship last summer at Philadelphia Wachovia Sports Complex.

"I knew I needed experience for this field," she said, "so I decided to wait until after my junior year when I gained more knowledge of this industry. Having an internship is not a requirement, although it should be, because it is extremely important."

Avakian worked as part of the complex marketing team at the sports complex.

Avakian encourages others to get an internship that suits them.

"Get involved! Look for something that interests you. Don't settle for an internship you won't be interested in, because it will be like a bad job," she said.

Thea Kalcevic's internship took her all the way to New York City to the set of the David Letterman show.

Kalcevic, a 2006 graduate, did this internship during her senior year. The internship mostly consisted of assisting the head writers, gathering comedy material, researching information and running errands.

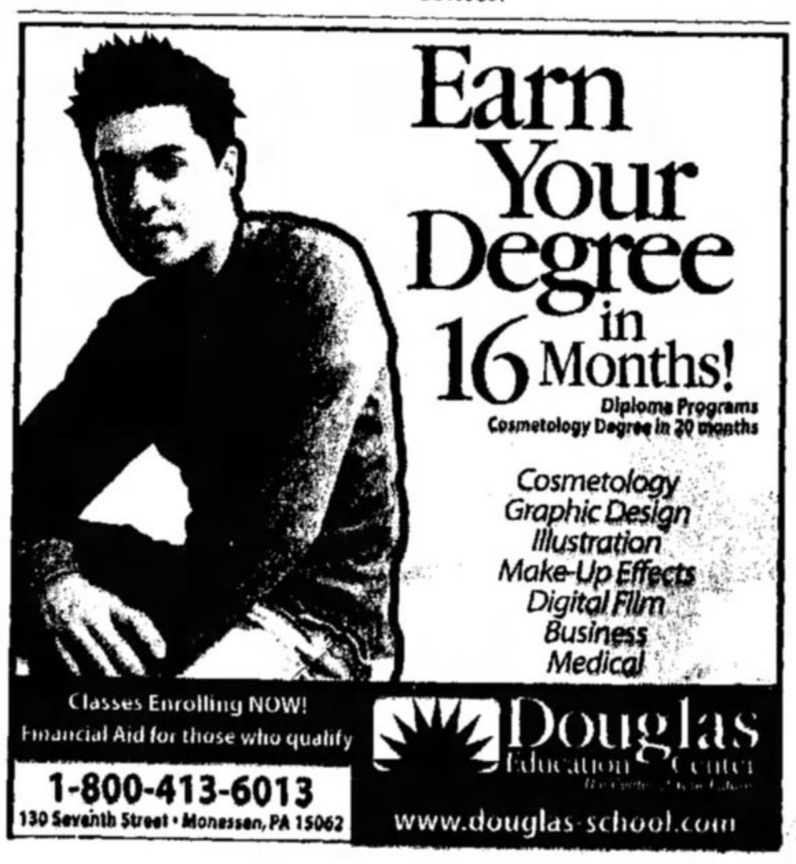
She got her internship through the Cal U center.

While an intern, she got to appear on the skit, 'True Tales of Late Show Interns.'

"I love my job and enjoy the demands that change daily," Kalcevic said.

After the internship, Letterman's' production company, World Wide Pants, hired Kalcevic.

Keith Loughney is a Cal U junior from Clarks Summit, Pa.



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4-year degree often takes longer

Most students take 5 or 6 years to graduate.

By TABITHA HOMME
Young Voices Correspondent

When Michele Griger started college in the fall of 2000, she never imagined she would still be working towards her bachelor's degree seven years later.

Griger graduated from high school and enrolled in West Virginia University with a small group of friends. One semester and many parties later, she decided to take a semester off to work at Disney World.

That one semester turned into four years.

Now a junior at California University of Pennsylvania, Griger is hoping to graduate in the spring of 2009.

Like most other students, Griger enrolled in a four-year college expecting to be there for only four years. Less then half the students however, actually obtain a degree in this amount of time.

"It does appear that quite a lot of students do not graduate in four years," said Debbie Custer, Cal U's English department secretary.

Research shows from the class that started in the fall of 2003 at Cal U, 28 percent of the students graduated on time.

University officials seem to be proud of this number because it brings a 12 percent increase since the class that started in the fall of 1999, which had a 16 percent graduation rate in four years.

"A big change occurred a few years ago to improve the rate when the number of credits needed to graduate went down from 128 to 120," said Richard Kline, director of Institutional Research.

But with graduation requirements dropping, why are students still not graduating on time?

Kline said students deciding to change their majors may play a role in the amount of time spent at college.

More than 40 percent of Cal U students have changed their major at least once.

Griger fits into this group.

When she first started at Cal, she was undecided in her major, but later she decided on English literature. She was lucky though, because all of the classes she had taken up to that point could be used as general electives.

Custer said the extra time spent on campus may be because of the fact that some upper division courses are not offered every semester.

"I am going to be a senior next year," Griger said, "But I may be here longer. I have classes that are required but are never offered. With this being the case, I don't know how I am supposed to fulfill my requirements for graduation."

Custer doesn't believe students should allow this to become an issue, at least in her department.

The English department has a rotation schedule that is given out to students so they know when certain classes are being offered.

"If students use a tool such as this as a guideline, I feel they can complete their degree in the required time," Custer said.

There are also some situations in which it is impossible to complete the requirements within four years.

Celeste Wukovich, secretary of the elementary/early childhood education department said students working on a dual certification degree may spend more time in school.

The credits required are more than that of a four-year degree.

S, if students aren't graduating in four years, how long does it take for Cal U students to earn their bachelors degree?

According to Kline, the class that started in the fall of 2001 had a five-year graduation rate of 45 percent. That same class had a 50 percent graduation rate in six years.

In 2005, a study was done comparing the graduation rate of similar universities to that of Cal U. The study covered 16 universities including Clarion, West Oregon, Columbus State and others similar to Cal U in enrollment, tuition and entrance requirements.

Comparing their six-year graduation rates, Cal U ranked sixth.

Griger

In a 2002 study by ACT (an independent organization that provides research), the five-year graduation rate for a four-year degree in the nation's public institutions was 41.2 percent. Including private institutions, the number goes up by more than 10 percent.

During Griger's stay in Florida, she attended a technical school where she earned a degree in broadcasting.

She is using that now while working at the Cal U radio station, but admits she probably won't use it again once she has earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. And since she attended a technical school, she was not able to transfer her credits to Cal U.

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Vulcans wake up echoes

Success of 2007 team stirs memories of '84.

By VINCENT COTCHEN
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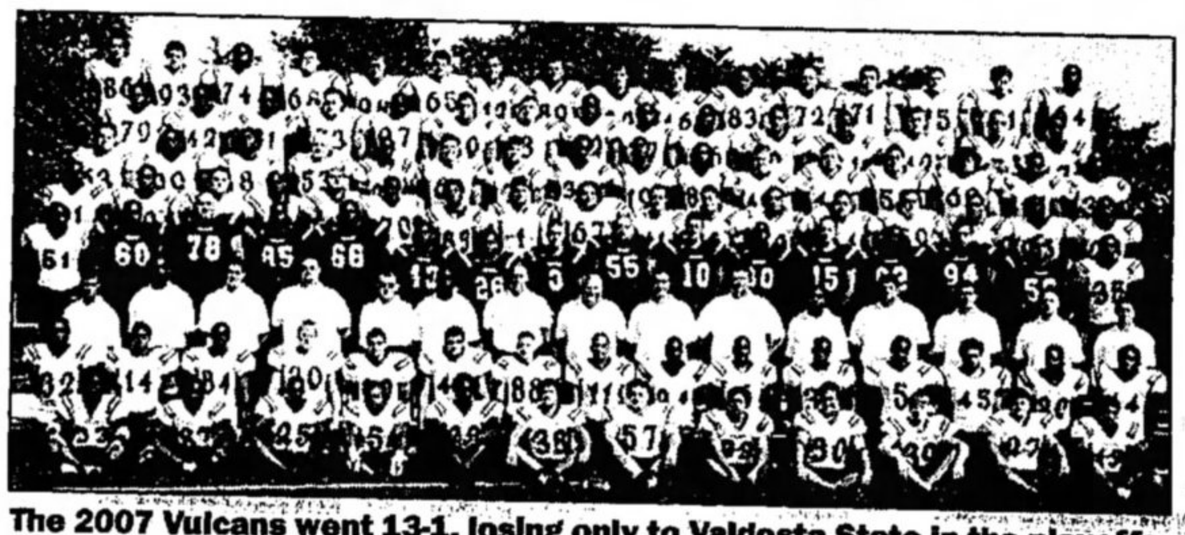

The 2007 Vulcans went 13-1, losing only to Valdosta State in the playoffs.

The California University of Pennsylvania football team's success in 2007 was unparalleled by any other Vulcans team throughout school history.

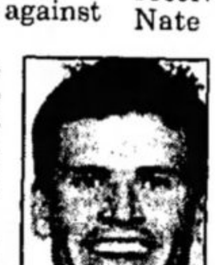
The Vulcans went 13-1 and broke several long-time school records on their way to an undefeated regular season, first round bye, and victories in the second and third round of the playoffs. The team's lone loss of the year came to the now national champion Valdosta State Blazers.

But how did this year's team compare to the last great Vulcan team, the 1984 state championship team?

In 1984, Cal's offense was under the command of senior quarterback Kevin Russell.

Russell was Cal's all-star, leading the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in total offense en route to the Vulcans' berth in the state championship game against Bloomsburg.

"We were throwing the ball all over the field; other teams just couldn't stop us," Russell said.


Russell

Russell's 2007 counterpart, Joe Ruggiero, has done a similar job of leading Cal through the air this season, piling up 2,135 yards and 22 touchdowns, one more than Russell's school record of 21 in 1983.

"I got on line to check that out, the offense looks good now," Russell said.

Russell put on an air show every week, torching defenses from the conference for what would be the best statistical season of his collegiate career.

"We were about 60 to 40 in the pass-to-run ratio," former coach Jeff Petrucci said. "But we threw because we wanted to, not because we had to."

Russell, now 45, admits the team then had a pass-first, run-second offense, unlike the 2007 squad which boasted a stable of running backs who combined for more than 2,600 rushing yards.

"We have four backs that could probably start anywhere else in the conference," kicker Tyler Lorenz said.

Lorenz, already Cal's all-time kicking leader as a sophomore, attributes last year's success to years of persistence by coaches and players alike.

"This has been a work in progress over the past few years," Cal senior linebacker Joshua Zunic said. "We have always been good, but we never got the national recognition that we deserve until now."

Cal coach, John Luckhardt, named regional coach of the year by the American Football Coaches Association, came on board in 2002.

"He (Luckhardt) has started a tradition that will be held to a high standard," Zunic said.

Cal's leading wide receiver in 2007, senior Nate Forse, says that Luckhardt has assembled a team over the years that is unselfish to one another.

"We don't have anyone on the team who complains and hurts team chemistry," Forse said.

Luckhardt maintains a similar attitude.

"We work hard at development and responsibility for the players," Luckhardt said.

Likewise, 1984's coach, Petrucci, valued character and selflessness as a main point in his coaching style.

"You can't have controversy on a team; it just won't work," Petrucci said. "The team has to have one heartbeat, and care about one another."

Petrucci was a good recruiter too, said Russell. Russell was Petrucci's first recruit at Cal in what would prove to be a state championship caliber team over the course of a few years.

"He got good, solid people and he got good, solid citizens, we were all just a group of guys that Petrucci put together over the years that liked each other," Russell said.

Luckhardt has had the ability to recruit players above and beyond the way it was done in 1984.

In 1984, any player who transferred from a Division I school had to sit out one year before being allowed to play in a game. Now players who transfer are eligible to play immediately.

Among those on the 2007 team that were Division I transfers are Forse, running back Brandon Lombardy, receiver Jermaine Moye, and running back Daine Williams, all of which have been key contributors to Cal's offense.

"What he's doing now is convincing guys to come to D-II," Russell said. "You aren't going to get noticed by the NFL if you are sitting on the bench for four years. You have to play."

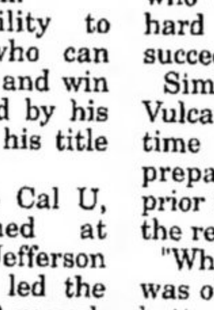
Fundraising is also something Luckhardt is good at. Cal gives out the maximum number of scholarships allowed under Division II rules in assembling his team.

Luckhardt's ability to recruit players who can cooperate together and win games is paralleled by his ability to do what his title says — coach.

Before coming to Cal U, Luckhardt coached at Washington and Jefferson College, where he led the team to a 137-37-2 record, which included 13 President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships, five NCAA Division III regional championships, 11 appearances in the NCAA playoffs, and two national championship game appearances.

Petrucci too, was a mastermind behind the clipboard. He produced arguably the best offense in the state in the 1980s.

"Coach would go out and meet with Bill Walsh (the NFL Hall of Fame coach) and Joe Montana in the off season to study what kind of things they were doing out there (with the San Francisco 49ers)," Russell said. "He came back with ideas that we would use that were unlike anything any other college team was doing at the time."


Vulcano

It was this kind of coaching that helped Petrucci produce several players that went on to continue playing after college, including Russell, who participated in camps with the Kansas City Chiefs and Ottawa RoughRiders before going on to play in the Arena Football League, and Perry Kemp, a 1983 graduate of Cal who went on to play in the NFL for the Browns and Packers.

Petrucci also believed in hard off-season workout programs to keep players conditioned and in shape for the regular season.

"I don't think that I have ever felt as sore after a game as I did after one of coach's work-out sessions," Russell said. "That helped us outlast teams during the season tough."

Former Cal linebacker Frank Vulcano Jr. agreed.

"We had a group of guys who were willing to work hard in the off season to succeed," Vulcano said.

Similarly, the 2007 Vulcans have spent much time in the weight room preparing for the season prior to summer camps and the regular season.

"When they played IUP it was obvious that they were better conditioned," Max Gonano, university band director said. "IUP looked slow and tired in the fourth while our guys were still going full speed."

The 1984 Vulcans and the 2007 Vulcans had a lot in common, but there is one notable difference between the teams: defense.

The 1984 team gave up an average of 17.8 points per game, something Vulcano attributes to the 1984 team not going deep into the playoffs.

"We were struggling to make plays near the beginning of the season, so we lost a couple games," Vulcano said. "We came on real strong down the stretch and started making plays, but those couple losses are what kept us out of the playoffs."

Defense is what got the 2007 squad to the playoffs. Ranking number one in the nation in total defense, Cal only gave up an average of 8 points per game in the regular season this year, while blanking Clarion and Cheyney.

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Greeks always seeking new members

Small percentage of Cal U students are members of fraternities and sororities.

By MARC STEMPKA
Young Voices Correspondent

From left are Inter-Fraternity Council members at Cal U: secretary Adam Olsen, vice president Robert Lisovitch, president Robert Smeltzer, recruitment chair Brian Levine, public relations chair Marc Stempka. Missing from the photo is treasurer Nick Parrish.

The enrollment at California University of Pennsylvania has reached an all-time high.

During the fall 2007 semester 8,200 students were enrolled.

Approximately 6,000 of those enrolled are undergraduate students living in university housing (on campus or in apartments) or commuting.

With enrollment increasing, university clubs and organizations are on the hunt for new members and trying to get the best students to join their organization.

It is a task that is easier said than done, especially for the Cal U fraternities and sororities, also known as "Greeks."

The Greeks have been dealing with a participation decline and membership standstill for the last 10 years.

On Nov. 29-30, the Cal U Greek Life office hosted two retreats for two of the three Greek governing councils. The two councils determined current problems and set goals for not only the spring 2008 semester but for the next five years.

Both councils agree increasing membership will allow for more opportunities and better community relations for Greek life.

The only problem now facing the councils and the Greek Life office is following through on the goals and plans that have been set forth and making the necessary changes.

"Saying that Cal U's Greek participation is below average is an understatement," Greek Life graduate assistant Valerie Gregor said. "We have 6,000 (undergraduate) students and only 263 of those students are Greek."

According to the National Greek Council, the average number of undergraduate students who should be Greek on any campus nationwide is 15 percent.

With an undergraduate enrollment number like Cal U's, that means approximately 900 students should be Greek.

"When I hosted the retreats, I had each council determine the three items they wanted to focus on which would most improve Greek Life at Cal U and improve their own individual chapters," Gregor said.

The Inter-Fraternity Council which oversees the six social fraternities: Acacia, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Delta Chi, Sigma Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Xi, plus the two social fraternity colonies: Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma, said unity, grades and leadership were the three things the men needed to focus on most.

The National Panhellenic Council which oversees the five social sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Kappa said recruitment, grades and participation within the community are where the women's attention should be focused.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council which oversees the two African-American fraternities and the sorority on campus: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., are yet to hold a retreat and to determine where their focus should be placed.

"The councils have great plans. They went through the retreat and really made their time worth while," Gregor said. "They are still fine tuning some of the details but I am confident that the leadership on the councils will help steer the Greeks in a better direction. All we need is follow-through."

Poor follow-through on new ideas and plans has been the issue for some years, according to Greek Life program Director Joy Helsel.

"The Greeks as a whole need to do what they say they are going to do and follow through with it. They say they want to get more people or they want to raise everyone's grade point averages, but they are not putting forth initiatives to do so," Helsel said.

According to Helsel, the Greek participation decline began in the late 1990s.

"In the early part of the 1990s there were 10 fraternities and nine sororities. In the mid 1990s there were more than 500 Greeks. [Cal U's] enrollment was significantly less, but the number was proportional to what we had," Helsel said. "Now the campus is growing, but we aren't."

Helsel, Gregor and the councils realize there is no overnight fix to the problem, but something needs to be done, starting with leaders on the IFC, NPC and NPHC.

"Greeks are to be leaders at a school. As leaders they should be above average at what they do. When it comes to recruitment, the fraternities and sororities just meet the status quo to survive each semester," Gregor said. "When it comes to grades, it is even worse."

The Greek Life office is just as equally concerned with grades and grade point averages as they are recruitment.

"The GPA of all Greeks for the spring 2007 semester was only a 2.46. The campus average was a 2.94 and the athlete average was a 3.1," Gregor said. "With a number like that, what appearance does it show other than if you join your GPA might sink?"

All three Greek councils acknowledge low GPA is a problem for recruitment. In response, the Greek Life office is changing the minimum require-ment to join a fraternity or sorority.

"Beginning with the spring 2008 semester a student must have at least a 2.3 GPA to join and to be considered in good standing if already a Greek," Helsel said.

"Beginning in spring 2009, a student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to join or to be in good standing."

Following the IFC retreat, IFC president Robert Smeltzer said unity, grades and leadership are the focus for the future.

"Each fraternity is out there for themselves. Although each chapter needs to watch their back, there needs to be unity as an IFC whole. That is why we decided to do a collective rush week. We want to start showing students that we are a whole, just not parts of the whole," Smeltzer said.

In addition to having a structured fraternity rush period, the IFC will also hold bid day together and will be developing a Programming Chair for future events.

"Developing a programming chair is a key. By putting someone in charge of getting the IFC involved on campus and doing things around town, we hope it will catch the attention of other students, especially younger ones," Smeltzer said. "We are hoping that interest would in turn encourage students to participate in Greek Life and want to join, at least check it out or at least have an understanding of what Greek Life is."

NPC president Gina Trunzo expressed her enthusiasm for the next semester and what she hopes the sororities can accomplish.

"All the girls are excited," Trunzo said. "We want to increase numbers, get grades higher and be more involved with the community. If we increase membership and grades that allows us to get more sororities on campus, which makes more competition, which we feel would be a good thing."

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Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Q: I've been doing everything right to try to lose weight. I do some kind of exercise every day and I'm much better than I used to be with healthier eating. I'm only losing a pound or two a week though! I'm working hard for only one or two pounds. It's frustrating that I'm not losing faster. What could be wrong?

A: When you consider all of the diet books, and pills, and potions, and programs out there promising fast results and showing the pictures of the women going from sweat suits to swimsuits in weeks; and the fact that we all want to lose weight yesterday, it's easy to understand why we all have a bit of a distorted way of thinking about what's normal when it comes to weight loss.

No matter what you see on TV or on the magazine covers, the leading health experts in the world maintain that a realistic, healthy weight loss is two pounds a week. My friends at Weight Watchers tell me there are three major reasons why:

#1 Losing weight at a rate greater than this increases the risk of developing serious health problems that include increasing risk of developing gallstones, heart irregularities, mineral and electrolyte imbalances, changes in blood pressure, excessive loss of lean body (muscle) mass, bowel irregularities and anemia.

#2 The excessive loss of lean muscle mass also means that you are losing tissue that burns a lot more calories compared to fat, thus decreasing your metabolism and making it easier to put the weight back on once you have reached your goal.

#3 Losing weight too quickly also makes it more difficult to adjust to new eating and activity habits that are essential to losing weight and keeping off over the long-term.

Experts I've spoken with explain it like this: if we lose weight too quickly, our body is forced to struggle to respond more to the jarring changes in heart rate, blood pressure, etc. In that struggle, negative side effects can happen. Why struggle with yourself?

When you give your body time to respond to the healthy changes you're making, you'll be working with it instead of against it; and it will work for you. The stronger you get, the easier the process will become.

You mention that you are doing "all the right things" to lose weight, and it sounds like your are. The right things are cutting back on calories, and ramping up activity.

It's important to remember, too that in both areas...little, realistic changes work wonders. It's simple: we gain weight when we eat more calories than we burn off. To lose weight, we need to burn more calories than we eat. To do that, we can limit our food portions, get more exercise, or both. For a healthy life plan, it's best to do both.

On the nutrition side of the equation, this doesn't mean having to "go on a diet". The best nutrition plans allow you to eat whatever you want, and teach you about portion control and preparing foods in ways that don't sacrifice taste, but help to reduce calories. A combination of smaller portions and mall changes in the kinds of food we eat (choosing low-fat, low-sugar, low-sodium varieties of what we normally buy for example) can easily add up to a savings of a few hundred calories a day!

Adding some activity; any activity--- walking the dog, playing catch with the kids, yard work, cleaning the house, bowling---to your day makes your body work a little harder, and the result is more calories burned. Add that to the fewer calories you've taken in because of the small changes you've made in your eating, and now we're talking about several hundred calories a day, gone.

The latest research continues to show that even small amounts of weight loss can help a great deal in reducing your risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain kinds of cancers.

From a mental perspective, it may be helpful for you to focus on being healthy more than on losing weight. You've already done a lot to become a healthier person; and every day you stick with your plan, you get stronger. Weight loss will be just one of the many positive benefits of your efforts.

I hope this information helps to ease your frustration over losing "just one or two pounds a week."

I know we all want to rush to the finish line, this is apparently a case where slow and steady wins the race.

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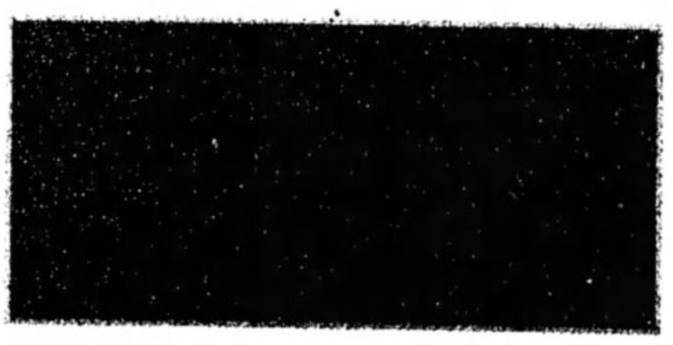

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Griger now says she wishes she would have done things differently.

She said if she had started off on a different foot she would be in graduate school by now instead of only being a junior.

But, she does admit that she is doing much better in school now.

She thanks her maturity for that.

So, how can students improve their chances of graduating on time?

Custer said that it is important for students to continually meet with their advisers.

It will help them be aware of what courses need to be taken and when those courses are being offered.

She also suggested that students get a second opinion on the courses they plan on taking if they aren't comfortable following the advice of just one person.

"As a department, we are here to help," Custer said. "But it is up to the students to ask for help when they need it. And it is the students who have to stay on top of their assignments and stay focused in school."

Griger said that one of her biggest problems when she first started school was partying.

She didn't care about her grades; she just wanted to have a good time.

Now she has decided she wants to go on to graduate school, but a lot of extra work is needed to get her grade point average up to a 3.0 because of her earlier decisions.

Griger hopes that students learn from her mistakes and give an honest effort in their courses so they too don't have to spend more time in college then four year.

"To any underclassmen or incoming freshmen, you think you know everything, but you don't," Griger said. "You think you don't need to study, you do. You think you can handle it all on your own, you can't. Try your best and stay focused."

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Sick Hounds hold off Buccaneers

Coach attributes Monessen's lackluster effort to flu bug.

By JEFF OLIVER
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MONESSEN — The toughest critic of the Greyhounds has always been their coach, Joe Salvino.

But even on a night when Monessen struggled in a sluggish 61-53 win over visiting Chartiers-Houston, the Grinch showed he has a heart after all.

After the game, instead of taking apart his team's lackluster play, Salvino said he was chalking the effort up to a bug that has been making its rounds with the players.

"We've had a lot of sick kids recently and (Monday's) practice was really light because of it," Salvino said. "We weren't ourselves. The intensity wasn't there and I'm going to blame it on our kids being sick."

Even feeling under the weather, the Greyhounds (14-4, 9-0) had enough to win the Class AA Sec. 5 contest against the feisty Buccaneers (9-9, 3-6).

Monessen started fast, taking a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game as the Greyhounds forced the Bucs into four turnovers on their first six possessions.

However, that quick start wasn't a sign of things to come as the Bucs stayed close the entire night.

In the second quarter, Chartiers-Houston outscored Monessen 9-4 down the stretch and forged a 27-27 tie at intermission.

The Bucs then took their first and only lead of the night to start the third quarter when Ryan Parker scored to make it 29-27.

But Monessen went on a 6-0 run to take a 33-29 lead and the Hounds never trailed again.

Tim Tyree, who Salvino said was the first one to come down with the flu, struggled in the first half with just four points. However, he exploded in the third quarter for 10 of his team-high 20 points as Monessen took a 47-43 lead into the fourth quarter.

Freshman Terrance Stepoli, who had 15 points and 12 rebounds, stole an inbounds pass and slammed it home with 4:59 left to play to give Monessen a 55-47 lead. The Bucs never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

While Salvino did give his section-leading team a pass for the overall performance, he wouldn't quite let his team off the hook.

"The intensity wasn't there and when it isn't, we don't look like a team. We look like individuals," he said. "We have Burgettstown Friday and if we go there with that kind of intensity, we won't come back with a win."

Salvino also noted that Monessen hasn't won a section title since 2002 and this team has a chance to end that skein.

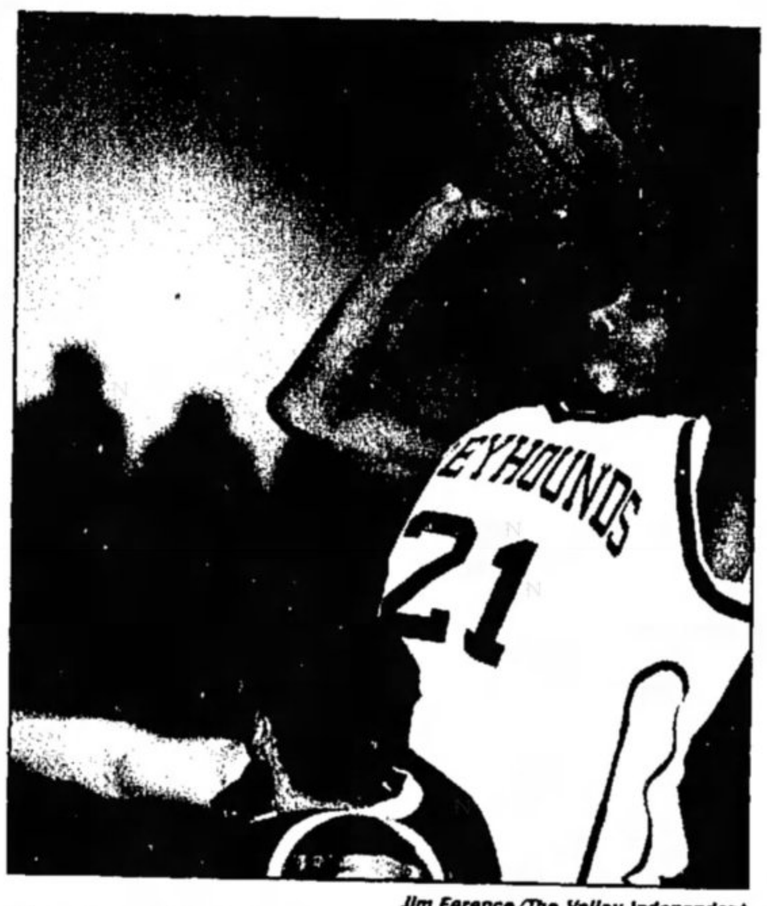
"I don't know about the players, but I think winning a section is a big deal, especially a good section like this one," he said. "Tonight though, it looked like we didn't care about that."

Salvino said his team will have to go back to work today at practice and try to regain the intensity it showed in the first half of section play.

"We're going to quit worrying about who is sick and just work with who can play," he said.

Ah, the Grinch still has it.

NOTES: Tyree had six assists, but struggled from the field as he hit just eight of 28 shots ... Jared Cypher led the Bucs with 19 points while Derek McIlvaine had 12 ... Stepoli had 10 points in the middle two quarters ... In the junior varsity game, Monessen's David Jeffries scored 43 points. He did not dress for the varsity contest.



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Monessen's Tim Tyree puts up a shot over Chartiers-Houston's Jared Cypher.

'Legend' big hit in Coal Center

Roy Jones Jr. trained for Saturday night's fight at local gym.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Mention the name Roy Jones Jr. and the eyes of Coal Center's Andy "Buzz" Garnic light up.

No wonder.

Jones, who will fight Felix Trinidad Saturday night in New York's Madison Square Garden on HBO Pay-Per-View, worked out five weeks at Garnic's Round 2 training camp.

"Our parking lot was bare until he showed up," said Garnic. "We'd have 50 to 60 show up each day.

"His workouts were unbelievable. His floor work consisted of shadow boxing, speed bag and jumping rope. Instead of hitting the big leather bag, he'd hit a double end bag eight to 10 punches at a time."

An eight-time world champion, Jones became the first former middleweight champion to win a world heavyweight title in 106 years. He took a 12-round unanimous decision over John Ruiz March 1, 2003, in Las Vegas for the WBA crown.

Nicknamed "The Legend", Jones also won belts as a super middleweight and light heavyweight.

Jones (51-4, 38 KOs) and five-time champion Trinidad (42-2, 35 KOs), who are both destined for Boxing's Hall of Fame, will enter the 12-round bout at or below the catch weight of 170 pounds.

"I've been trying to put these two superstars in a match for a long time and to get this done just leaves me breathless," said promoter Don King. "This will be a fight for the ages and it will be remembered among the greatest events I have ever staged. Tito and Roy, it doesn't get any better than that."

How did Jones end up in Coal Center?

"Back in November an agent from his camp called to see my gym," recalled Garnic. "They came and left and I never heard from them until Paul Spadafora (a former IBF lightweight champ) called me and said hurry up to the gym.

"He said Roy is at California University and wanted directions to the gym. He was impressed and said he wanted to finish training here. After he went back home to Florida, he told me he'd be here starting the second week in December."

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Garnic, who will be attending the fight with his son, Buzz Jr., and good friend Drew Rainey, was impressed with Jones.

"He's a real jewel," he said. "He's 39 but could pass for 20."

Eight-time world boxing champion Roy Jones Jr., third from left, spent five weeks training in Coal Center for Saturday night's fight with Felix Trinidad. With him is Sebastian Rainey. In back, from left, are Dr. Randolf Magone, T.J. Stover, Buzz Garnic Jr., Drew Rainey, Buzz Garnic and Jones' trainer Al Merkerson.

Red Raiders outgun BVA

Jacob Dudzinski's 30 points aren't enough in 101-73 loss to Uniontown.

Boys' basketball roundup

Uniontown and Belle Vernon Area are two of the highest scoring basketball teams in WPIAL's Class AAA.

In their first meeting last month at BVA, the Red Raiders outscored the Leps, 83-72.

So it was no surprise that a lot of points would be put on the scoreboard in their non-section rematch Tuesday at Uniontown.

The Red Raiders upped their winning streak to seven with a 101-73 victory over the Leps.

Uniontown (13-2) never trailed after jumping out to a 32-15 lead in the opening eight minutes.

Jacob Dudzinski poured in a game-high 30 points for the Leps (11-5), who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Sophomore Josh Pohlot and freshman Bo Lustig followed with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Doug Sanner (24) and Shawn Cicconi (20) combined for 44 points for Uniontown.

BVA resumes tonight with another non-section game at home against Trinity.

Charleroi posted its second straight Class AA Section 5 victory over visiting Waynesburg, 51-41.

Eli Obade poured in a game-high 14 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked two shoots for the Cougars (8-9, 4-5).

Chad Pappasergi hit four treys for 12points and Ethan Hank and Taylor Andrisko both scored 11 points for Charleroi, which led 26-18 at halftime.

The Cougars visit Jefferson-Morgan tonight.

In Class A Section 3, Bentworth edged Sacred Heart, 54-52, in overtime.

Jon Kennedy, who scored 15 points, hit two free throws to put the Bearcats ahead to stay and

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Charleroi's Grillo shoots for 100th victory

Senior hopes to be first Cougar wrestler to reach that milestone.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Tonight, senior Dave Grillo looks to make school history as the first Charleroi wrestler to reach the 100-win milestone in the Cougars' Class AA Section 2 home match with South Allegheny.

"This means a lot to me because there have been so many guys who came before me at Charleroi that were good wrestlers," he said. "There have been so many who have gone to states and have been really good.

"I am very fortunate to have had the coaches that I have had coming up through the years."

Third-year Charleroi head coach Gregg Doerfler has been around the program for close to 30 years and realizes the significance.

"It makes me feel real good to know that I will be the first coach to have a guy hit 100, and it's a big deal for David," he said. "When you consider that there have been coaches like Lee Hall here, I really am lucky."

Grillo has followed in his dad's footsteps. The elder Grillo, also named Dave, was a standout heavyweight who graduated in 1981 before heading to Pitt to play football.

"Young Dave is a chip off the old block," Doerfler said. "Big Dave is my assistant and we have coached David together since he was five or six."

The pair coached the younger Grillo to two Junior Olympic state titles and also to two fifth-place finishes.

"This is as much for them as it is for me," Grillo said. "I might be a little nervous but I'll be all right.

"I'll definitely be pumped."

SPORTS

Pirates facing 2008 with same cast

No significant personnel changes were made during the offseason.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pirates begin spring training a month from now with the same lineup they fielded at the end of last season. The same rotation. A new manager and coaching staff, but a weakened bullpen and bench.

Somehow, after doing almost nothing in the offseason, they expect to be better than the teams that lost 94 games in 2007 and 95 games each in 2006 and 2005.

In perhaps the most uneventful offseason in their 121-season history, the Pirates' only major league pickup has been utility infielder Chris Gomez. They traded former closer Salomon Torres for three marginal Brewers prospects, chose reliever Shawn Chacon and released bench players Josh Phelps and Matt Kata, both of whom were arbitration-eligible.

Huntington

A year ago, the Pirates gave their fans a sliver of hope the offense might improve by trading for first baseman Adam LaRoche. This time, a club that has the NL Central's lowest payroll and no apparent plan to increase it significantly in the near future has made only a few minor league free agent and Rule 5 draft pickups.

Neal Huntington, readying for his first spring training as general manager, is listening to the complaints and pleadings of fans who haven't watched a winner since 1992 and clearly don't expect to watch one in 2008.

He understands the ever-growing frustration with a club that is only one more bad year away from a record-tying 16th consecutive losing season.

"I know we haven't done much of anything, but we're not going to make the same mistakes of the past by running a declining, overpriced free agent in here," Huntington said Tuesday. "This a bad free agent market and bringing in an overpriced free agent is not a good business decision."

Huntington said the club was close to making several trades but all fell through, apparently because he felt they wouldn't get enough high-quality prospects in return.

"To make trades, you have to have players that other clubs want, and a depth of prospects ... and we don't have that now," Huntington said. "To build an organization, we have to protect our current depth and improve it. We had opportunities to explore doing that, but we couldn't find a good match."

No doubt Huntington was envious when the Oakland Athletics got prime prospects back in trades for outfielder Nick Swisher and starting pitcher Dan Haren, exactly the kind of players the Pirates don't have to make such deals.

There was outside interest in their four young starting pitchers — left-handers Tom Gorzelanny, Zach Duke and Paul Maholm and right-hander Ian Snell — but the Pirates consider them to be their strength.

Duke and Maholm both reported to the club's pitching minicamp in Bradenton, Fla., a week ago lighter and in better shape than they were last season.

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Lady Leps let one slip away

The Belle Vernon Area Lady Leps play at Class AAA Section 5 leading West Mifflin Thursday after dropping a 47-44 non-section game to visiting Southmoreland Tuesday.

Jocelyn Connolly had 13 points for the Lady Leps (4-12), who led 12-6 after one quarter but were outscored 28-19 in the next 16 minutes.

Marissa Manko added 10 points for BVA.

Jamie Henry was high for the Lady Scots (12-5) with 18 points.

Elizabeth Forward upped its record to 15-3 with a 65-43 victory over Derry.

Rachel Hirnyk topped the Lady Warriors with 15 points followed by Cassy Sanderson and Paige Pearce with 13 each.

Elizabeth goes to Yough Thursday.

Yough was a 46-29 loser to Bentworth.

Brittany Speed led the Lady Bearcats (9-8) with 17 points while Allison Saccani had 16 for the Lady Cougars (7-110.

California slipped to 5-10 with a 69-35 defeat to East Allegheny.

Morgan Moluski had 14 points for the Lady Trojans.

Frazier fell to 0-18 with a 39-30 loss to Carmichaels.

Larissa Ellis scored 14 points for the Lady Commodores.

Basketball (FROM PAGE ONE)

then blocked a pair of shots in the closing seconds to preserve the win.

Joe Kennedy (11) and Chuck Selvoski (10) also hit double figures for the Bearcats (11-4, 6-2).

Bentworth plays at Waynesburg today.

Ringgold lost its fifth straight at home to West Mifflin, 58-43.

The Rams (5-14) jumped out to a 12-11 lead in the first quarter before getting outscored 47-31 in the final 24 minutes.

Dave Bassi and Simon Bekavac both had nine points for Ringgold while Rashad Washington's 16 were high for the Titans (8-7).

Elizabeth Forward fell to 3-14 with a 68-34 setback at Laurel Highlands.

Jared Cunning had 15 points for the Warriors, who were don 29-14 at halftime.

The Mustangs (9-7) played without leading scorer Kaleb Ramsey sidelined by an injury.

Frazier snapped a nine-game losing skid with a 59-51 win at Geibel.

Craig Rebovich tallied 20 points for the Commodores (2-14), who won both of their games against the Gators.

Tyler Erdely topped Geibel (3-10) with 15 points.

Yough fell at Mt. Pleasant, 48-43, for its sixth straight defeat.

Ben Hoffer took scoring honors for the Cougars (6-10) with 15 points. Mike Bashioum added 11.

SPORTS DIGEST

BV Area, Baldwin swimmers split

Belle Vernon Area's swimmers split with Baldwin Tuesday.

The Leps were an 85-47 winner with the Lady Leps dropping a close 84-81 decision.

Taking firsts for the Leps were Brendan Lacey (200 and 500 freestyle), Andre Maldonado (50 freestyle), Aaron Mikula (100 fly), Zachary Wardle (100 freestyle), the 200 medley relay team of Cory Wyke, Adam Hamill, Mikula and Jay Lewis and the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado, Lewis, Lacey and Wardle.

Ashley Bronakowski (500 freestyle), Courtnee Basista (100 backstroke) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Mary Wardle, Bronakowski, Basista and Sydney Rusak won for the Lady Leps.

Charleroi Jrs. overtime winner

Charleroi Junior High's basketball team edged previously unbeaten East Allegheny, 56-55, in overtime.

Vinnie Scirotto (12) and Tyler Corbitt (11) led the Little Cougars (8-3), who visit Carmichaels Friday.

Monessen cagers shade Geibel

Monessen Junior High's basketball team upped its record to 10-3 with a 40-39 win over Geibel behind Cam Johnson's 21points.

The Little Greyhounds host Frazier Thursday.

Ringgold downs Albert Gallatin

Josh Burnisky scored 17 points to lead Ringgold's ninth graders to a 53-39 win over Albert Gallatin.

The Little Rams (8-2) resume Friday at Uniontown.

BV Area cagers beat McGuffey

Ian Dobbins (16) and Adam Ferita (10) combined for 26 points to lead Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team to a 45-31 victory over McGuffey.

The Little Leps (11-3) go to Trinity Thursday.

Serra skaters rout Richland

Serra's hockey team routed Richland, 12-0, at the Ice Garden Tuesday to up its record to 11-1-2.

Josh Werner led the Eagles with three goals and an assist with Mike Puskar adding two goals and four assists. Cory Beam had a pair of assists.

Steve Derewonko made 14 saves for the shutout.

Sharapova knocks out Davenport

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Fifth-ranked Maria Sharapova put an end to new mom Lindsay Davenport's strong comeback, taking a 6-1, 6-3 victory today to reach the Australian Open third round.

The eagerly awaited match pitted Davenport, who was 19-1 with three titles since returning to the tour, against a former Grand Slam winner for the first time since she took maternity leave to give birth to son Jagger last June.

"From the day I found out, I started working for this game," Sharapova said of the draw. "I approached it like it's a final."

In the following match on center court, sixth-ranked Andy Roddick advanced with 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Germany's Michael Berrer.

Carter, Green among Hall of Fame finalists

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Cris Carter and Darrell Green are finalists in balloting for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility.

Carter, a star wide receiver for the Eagles and Vikings, and Redskins cornerback Green are among 17 finalists who will be considered for election on Feb. 2, 2008, the day before the Super Bowl.

The other finalists, of which a minimum of four candidates and a maximum of seven can be chosen, are 12 modern-era players.

They are defensive ends Fred Dean and Richard Dent; linebackers Randy Gradishar, Derrick Thomas and Andre Tippett; guards Russ Grimm, Bob Kuechenberg and Randall McDaniel; punter Ray Guy; wide receivers Art Monk and Andre Reed; and tackle Gary Zimmerman.

The contributor finalist is former commissioner Paul Tagliabue. The Senior Committee nominees, announced last August, are Chicago Cardinals back Marshall Goldberg and Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Emmitt Thomas.

To be elected, a finalist must receive a minimum of 80 percent of the 44 votes.

Trivia answer

Minus 13 degrees with a minus 48 degree wind chill Dec. 31, 1967, in the NFL championship game between Green Bay and Dallas at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	26	15	3	55	110	101
Pittsburgh	26	16	3	55	133	120
Philadelphia	23	15	5	51	137	121
N.Y. Islanders	22	18	5	49	109	125
N.Y. Rangers	21	20	5	47	112	120

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	29	12	4	62	157	127
Montreal	23	14	8	54	139	127
Boston	22	18	4	48	114	117
Buffalo	19	18	6	44	125	125
Toronto	17	21	8	42	129	153

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	23	22	2	48	135	152
Carolina	22	22	4	48	144	155
Florida	20	22	4	44	114	129
Washington	19	21	5	43	127	140
Tampa Bay	17	24	5	39	132	157

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	10	4	70	160	104
St. Louis	22	15	6	50	114	112
Columbus	22	18	6	50	117	115
Nashville	22	19	4	48	127	127
Chicago	20	21	4	44	127	136

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	26	17	2	54	126	125
Vancouver	25	17	4	54	121	108
Colorado	25	18	3	53	132	128
Calgary	22	17	8	52	135	139
Edmonton	21	22	4	46	123	137

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	13	7	57	117	106
Anaheim	25	17	6	56	125	124
Dallas	25	18	5	55	139	127
Phoenix	24	20	1	49	121	123
Los Angeles	18	27	2	38	135	156

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Washington 4, Ottawa 2
Columbus 3, Vancouver 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Atlanta 5, Detroit 1
Toronto 5, Carolina 4
Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 0
Nashville 3, Calgary 0
Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 1
Phoenix 5, San Jose 3
Anaheim 4, Dallas 2

Today's Games

Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	22	1	0	44
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Jamestown	10	14	0	20
Mon Valley	8	13	3	19
Valley Forge	7	16	1	15

Friday

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Indiana at Valley Forge

Sunday

Valley Forge at Mon Valley (2:30 p.m.)
Wooster at Indiana

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Jason Brown, INF Bernie Castro, RHP Daniel Giese, INF Nick Green, OF Jason Lane, LHP Heath Phillips, OF Greg Porter, INF Cody Ransom, RHP Darrell Rasner, RHP Scott Strickland and LHP Billy Traber on minor league contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kirk Saarloos on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP George Sherrill on a one-year contract and LHP Arthur Rhodes on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Wheeler on a one-year contract.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Yhency Brazoban on a one-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Named Gord Ash vice president-assistant general manager and Jack Zduriencik vice president-special assistant to the general manager for player personnel. Designated OF Drew Anderson for assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 1B Adam LaRoche on a one-year contract. Named Brad Fischer manager, Sid Bream coach and Wilson Alvarez pitching coach for State College (NYP) and Gary Green manager for Hickory (SAL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Mike Zimmer defensive coordinator.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed C Chukky Okobi and G Dan Stevenson.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Brian Gaine assistant director of player personnel.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Alvin Banks, S Darnell Bing, WR David Clowney, CB Manny Collins, OL Stanley Daniels, OL Wayne Hunter, DT Thomas Johnson, LB Jerry Mackey, QB Brett Ratliff, WR Shaine Smith and WR Marco Thomas to reserve-future contracts.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DT Scott Paxson, C Jared Retkofsky and FB Bill Latsko.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB Dennis Haley to a future contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated LW Curtis Glencross from injured reserve. Assigned LW Joakim Linstrom to Syracuse (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Sent D Aaron Johnson to Bridgeport (AHL) on a conditioning assignment.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled C Ilya Zubov from Binghamton (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired RW Junior Lessard from Dallas for D Dan Jancevski and assigned Lessard to Iowa (AHL).

NFL playoffs

Conference Championships

Sunday

AFC

San Diego at New England, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC

N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

DeMarcus Nelson and the Duke Blue Devils will face Florida State at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis, tape delay.

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Bob Hope Classic, golf.

7 p.m. - ESPN - Duke at Florida State, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Chicago at Miami, pro basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - North Carolina at Georgia Tech, college basketball.

9:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Texas Tech, college basketball.

11:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

Thursday

Television

3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Charlotte seems to be playing its best basketball of the season. The Bobcats are 3-2 straight-up and 5-0 vs. the spread their last five games. Orlando is coming off a home game vs. Chicago last night and just might get caught overlooking the Bobcats here. Let's take Charlotte +2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Jan 20		
Conference Championships		
N. ENGLAND	14 (47)	San Diego
GREEN BAY	7 (41)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
INDIANA	2	Golden State
MIAMI	3	Chicago
Orlando	2	CHARLOTTE
TORONTO	5 1/2	Sacramento
BOSTON	9	Portland
NEW JERSEY	8 1/2	New York
MILWAUKEE	3 1/2	Atlanta
N. ORLEANS	11	Seattle

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Duke	5 1/2	FLORIDA STATE
W. Michigan	2 1/2	BALL STATE
DAYTON	6	Massachusetts
E. CAROLINA	2	Marshall
FORDHAM	5 1/2	G. Washington
Purdue	2	IOWA
RICHMOND	8	St. Bonaventure
NC WILM.	7 1/2	Towson State
OLD DOMIN.	7 1/2	James Madison
WILL. & MARY	5	Northeastern
VIRGINIA	6	Virginia Tech
Xavier	7	TEMPLE
TOLEDO	3 1/2	C. Michigan
SYRACUSE	16	Rutgers
DREXEL	4 1/2	Georgia State
GEORGIA	4 1/2	Alabama
St. Joseph's	2	NC CHARLOTTE
VA C'WEALTH	14	Delaware
ARKANSAS	9	South Carolina
Drake	2	BRADLEY
ILLINOIS ST	8	Wichita State
Missouri	5 1/2	IOWA STATE
x-LSU	OFF	Auburn
MISSISSIPPI	4 1/2	Florida
Memphis	26	RICE
N. ILLINOIS	2	E. Michigan
W. KENTUCKY	20	Florida Atlantic
ALA-BIRM.	6 1/2	Southern Miss
TROY	3	Middle Tenn St
Houston	10	SMU
S. ALABAMA	16	Fla International
WYOMING	3 1/2	Air Force
North Carolina	11	GEORGIA TECH
ILLINOIS	12	Michigan
VILLANOVA	11	Depaul
TULSA	6	Tulane
Texas A&M	4 1/2	TEXAS TECH
CS Northridge	9	CAL RIVERSIDE
SAN DIEGO ST	2 1/2	Utah
Davidson	18 1/2	FURMAN

x-Auburn has numerous injuries.

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
PHILADELPHIA	1/2-1	Florida
NEW JERSEY	1-1 1/2	NY Islanders
NY RANGERS	Even-1/2	Buffalo
MINNESOTA	1/2-1	Calgary
CHICAGO	Pick'em	St. Louis

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wrestling schedule

Today

Class AAA

Section 2

Albert Gallatin at Belle Vernon Area
McKeesport at Greensburg Salem
Connellsville at Uniontown
Laurel Highlands at Uniontown

Section 4

Ringgold at Thomas Jefferson
Baldwin at Bethel Park
Upper St. Clair at McGuffey
Waynesburg at Peters Township
Central Catholic at West Mifflin

Class AA

Section 2

South Allegheny at Charleroi
Bentworth at Jeannette
Yough at Keystone Oaks
Mt. Pleasant at Beth-Center
Jeff-Morgan at Southmoreland

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	5	0	15	1
Keystone Oaks	4	1	9	9
South Park	2	3	5	10
Ringgold	2	3	5	14
Trinity	2	3	4	10
McGuffey	0	5	3	12

Tuesday

West Mifflin 58, Ringgold 43
Southmoreland 39, McGuffey 36

Today

Seton-LaSalle at Chartiers Valley

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	4	1	11	5
Steel Valley	3	2	11	4
West Mifflin	3	2	7	7
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	5	10
Yough	2	3	6	10
Elizabeth Forward	0	5	3	14

Tuesday

Uniontown 101, Belle Vernon Area 73
Laurel Highlands 68, Elizabeth Forward 36
Mt. Pleasant 48, Yough 43
South Park 67, Th. Jefferson 55

Today

Trinity at Belle Vernon Area

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	9	0	14	4
Washington	8	1	14	4
Burgettstown	7	2	13	3
Charleroi	4	5	8	9
Brownsville	4	5	8	9
C-Houston	3	6	9	9
Waynesburg	1	8	3	12
Beth-Center	0	9	3	15

Tuesday

Monessen 61, C-Houston 53
Charleroi 51, Waynesburg 41
Washington 44, Brownsville 35
Burgettstown 71, Beth-Center 35

Today

Charleroi at Jeff-Morgan
Carmichaels at Brownsville

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	10	4
Carmichaels	4	1	11	3
Mapletown	2	2	8	8
Geibel	2	2	3	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	4	5	12
West Greene	0	5	1	12

Tuesday

Wilkinsburg 67, Mapletown 64

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	8	0	14	1
Bentworth	6	2	11	4
Clairton	5	3	7	8
Cornell	3	4	9	7
Sacred Heart	3	5	4	13
Avella	2	6	7	10
Frazier	0	7	2	14

Tuesday

Clairton 60, Cornell 49
Bentworth 54, Sacred Heart 52
Serra 96, Avella 58
Frazier 59, Geibel 51

Today

Bentworth at Waynesburg

High school girls' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	5	0	12	4
Chartiers Valley	4	1	10	6
West Allegheny	3	2	8	8
McGuffey	2	3	7	9
Keystone Oaks	1	4	4	11
Waynesburg	0	5	4	12

Today

Ringgold at Allderdice
Seton-LaSalle at Chartiers Valley
West Allegheny at SouthFayette

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	5	0	14	3
Elizabeth Forward	4	1	15	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	7	10
Steel Valley	2	3	9	8
Belle Vernon Area	1	4	4	12
Yough	0	5	7	11

Tuesday

Southmoreland 47, BV Area 44
Elizabeth Forward 65, Derry 43
West Mifflin 58, Franklin Regional 45
Steel Valley 59, Brownsville 50
Bentworth 46, Yough 29

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	8	0	16	0
Brownsville	5	3	13	6
Beth-Center	5	3	11	5
Charleroi	4	4	7	9
Bentworth	3	4	9	8
C-Houston	1	6	5	13
Burgettstown	1	6	3	15

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	5	0	11	5
Carmichaels	4	1	8	9
Mapletown	3	2	10	4
California	2	3	5	10
West Greene	1	4	1	14
Jeff-Morgan	0	5	1	15

Tuesday

East Allegheny 69, California 35

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	7	0	17	0
Serra	5	2	9	5
Clairton	4	2	7	5
Avella	2	3	7	7
Trinity Christian	1	6	4	11
Frazier	0	6	0	18

Tuesday

Carmichaels 39, Frazier 30
Quigley 63, Serra 57

Bowling

Tan-O-Bell Lanes

Epiphany Men's League Standings

Duquesne, 82-51; Villanova, 71-62; St. Vincent, 65-68; Holy Cross, 64-69; Notre Dame, 62-71; St. John, 54-79.

High scores

Emil Crisi, 212-586; Anthony Manderino, 207-578; John Perozzi, 226-564; Joe Gallo, 187-544; Lee Nicolaus, 185-541; Jim Peltier, 223-534; Robert Mascetta, 188-506; Philip Faraci, 174-503; Stephen Crisi, 176-492; Delfo DeGregorio, 208-475.

High school basketball lineups

BOYS

Monessen - 61

Parker, 1-1-3; Wall, 2-2-6; Stepoli, 7-0-15; Brandemarte, 2-0-5; Tyree, 8-3-20; Pritchett, 4-1-9; Ja. Minnie, 0-0-0; Jo. Minnie, 0-0-0; P. Kunsa, 1-0-3. Totals: FG-25, F-7(14), T-61.

Chartiers-Houston - 53

Cypher, 8-2-19; Jones, 1-1-3; McIlvaine, 4-4-12; Betts, 0-0-0; Grandelic, 0-0-0; Parker, 5-0-10; Popeck, 3-2-9. Totals: FG-21, F-9(16), T-53.

Score by quarters:

Char-Houston	10	17	16	10 - 53
Monessen	14	13	20	14 - 61

Three-pointers: C-Houston - Cypher, Popeck; Monessen - Stepoli, Brandemarte, Tyree, Kunsa.

Uniontown - 101

Sanner, 11-1-24; Cicconi, 9-1-20; Pratt, 6-0-17; Black, 6-0-13; Grady, 1-0-2; Crenshaw, 1-0-2; Hall, 4-2-10; Williams, 2-0-5; Turner, 0-1-1; Caster, 1-2-4; Sickles, 1-0-2; Savage, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 42, F - 8 (17), T - 101.

Belle Vernon Area - 73

Dudzinski,. 10-7-30; naylor, 0-1-1; Pohlot, 4-4-12; Cory Wiliams, 2-1-7; B. Lustig, 4-2-11; Green, 1-2-4; Cieply, 1-0-2; Rodriguez, 1-0-3; Cody Williams, 1-1-3. Totals; FG - 24, F - 18 (34), T - 73.

Score by quarters:

BV Area	15	23	16	19 - 73
Uniontown	32	18	27	24 - 101

Three-pointers: BVA - Dudzinski 3, CoryWilliams 2, Lustig, Rodriguez. Uniontown - Pratt 5, Cicconi, Black, Sanner, Williams.

Charleroi - 51

Hank, 5-1-11; Obade, 4-0-12; Pappsergi, 4-0-12; Anmdrisko, 4-1-11; Bell, 1-1-3; DiPiazza, 0-0-0; Strelick, 0-0-0; Hooks, 0-0-0. Totals; FG - 21, F - 3 (7), T - 51.

Waynesburg - 41

Fancher, 3-1-9; Nukamari, 2-0-5; Coldren, 1-2-4; Stinnett, 3-3-9; Phillips, 0-2-2; Pollock, 2-0-4; Burriss, 3-2-8. Totals: FG - 14, F - 10 (12), T - 41.

Score by quarters:

Waynesburg	10	8	13	10 - 41
Charleroi	13	13	14	11 - 51

Three-pointers: Charleroi -Pappsergi 4, Andrisko 2. Waynesburg - Fencher 2, Nukamari.

Laurel Highlands - 68

Mildren, 8-3-19; Brooks, 1-0-2; Shull, 5-2-12; Tupta, 3-0-6; Dawson, 4-2-10; Fudala, 4-0-8; Zelich, 2-0-4; John, 1-1-3; Hoch, 2-0-4. Totals; FG - 30, F - 8 (9), T - 68.

Elizabeth Forward - 36

Giansante, 0-3-3; Cunning, 6-0-15; Wilson, 0-1-1; Austin, 1-0-2; Scurfield, 1-0-2; Stycene, 0-2-2; Means, 2-0-4; Urbanski, 2-1-5; Lavelle, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 13, F - 6 (9), T - 36.

Score by quarters:

Elizabeth	7	7	8	14 - 36
Laurel	15	14	28	19 - 68

Three-pointers: Elizabeth - Cunning.

Frazier - 59

Keebler, 3-3-9; Bartolomucci, 3-2-8; Rebovich, 5-7-17; Rock, 4-1-10; Smith, 5-0-10; Gerard, 0-1-1; Thompson, 2-0-4. Totals; FG - 22, F 0 14 (24), T - 59.

Geibel - 51

Gira, 1-2-4; Craft, 5-4-14; Costantino, 5-0-11; Spotts, 2-0-4; Erdely, 7-1-15; Betler, 1-1-3. Totals: FG - 21, F - 8 (20), T - 51.

Score by quarters:

Frazier	15	12	16	16 - 59
Geibel	7	9	20	15 - 51

Three-pointers: Frazier Rock. Geibel - Costantino.

West Mifflin - 58

Ra. Washington, 7-2-16; Ro. Washington, 3-1-8; Prince, 2-0-6; Staples, 4-2-13; Hester, 3-6-13; Roman, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 19, F - 12 (20), T - 58.

Ringgold - 43

Bekavac, 4-0-9; Bassi, 4-1-9; Mountain, 2-2-8; Smith,3-1-7; Patch, 1-0-3; Madar, 2-0-6; Resanovich, 0-0-0; Yost, 0-1-1. Totals; FG - 16, F - 5 (9), T - 43.

Score by quarter:

Ringgold	12	10	12	9 - 43
West Mifflin	11	16	14	17 - 58

Three-pointers: Ringogld - Mountain 2, Maar 2, Bekavac, Patch. West Mifflin - Staples 2, Prince 2, Ro, Washington.

Bentworth - 54

Jon Kennedy, 4-6-15; Joe Kennedy, 3-5-11; Selvoski, 4-2-10; Bular, 4-1-9; Jansante, 3-0-6; Sevcik, 1-1-3. Totals: FG - 19, F - 15 (22), T - 54.

Sacred Heart - 52

Jones, 3-1-8; DeSalle, 2-1-5; Lach, 5-1-11; A, Scappe, 7-0-18; V. Scappe, 2-0-4; Ott, 1-1-3; Orie, 1-0-3; Jones, 3-1-8. Totals; FG - 19, F - 4(9), T - 52.

Score by quarters:

Sacred Heart	8	14	13	9	8 - 52
Bentworth	14	17	8	5	10 - 54

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Jon Kennedy. Sacred Heart - A. Scappe 4, Orie, Jones.

Billiards

Donora Men's Pool League

Standings

Division A

American Legion, 178-60; Firemen, 155-83; Eagles, 138-100; Hoot Owls, 119-119; St. Mary's, 112-126.

Division B

Hungarian Club, 120-118; French Club, 114-124; Rusin Club, 92-146; St. Dominic's, 85-153; Ukrainian Club, 77-161.

Thursday

Hungarian Club at American Legion
Eagles at Firemen
Hoot Owls at S. Mary's
Rusin Club at French Club
St. Dominic's at Ukrainian Club

Last week's results

American Legion 14, Eagles 3
Firemen 11, Hoot Owls 6
Rusin Club 9, St. Mary's 8
French Club 9, St. Dominic's 8
Hungarian Club 10, Ukrainian Club 7

Youth swimming

The Belle Vernon Swim Club resumes Feb. 2 at Mt. Pleasant High aginst the Mt. Pleasant Aqua Club following a 650-182 loss tothe Norwin Aqua Club.

The Belle Vernon winners follow:

Girls

Eight and under - Sarah Wyant, 25 freestyle and 25 backstroke.

13 -14 - Emily Pollock, 50 and 100 freestyle and 100 buterfly.

15-18 - Taylor Kohr, 100 freestyle.

Boys

Nine and 10 - David Mosco, 50 and 100 freestyle.

High school basketball scores

BOYS

Aliquippa 68, New Brighton 52
Ambridge 54, Ellwood City 43
Beaver 59, Lincoln Park 52
Beaver Falls 80, Freedom 60
Bentworth 54, Sacred Heart 52
Canevin 52, Avonworth 44
Blackhawk 53, Montour 49
Brashear 63, Westinghouse 55
Burgettstown 71, Beth-Center 35
Center 78, Western Beaver 36
Central Catholic 72, Gateway 58
Charleroi 51, Waynesburg 41
Clairton 60, Cornell 49
Deer Lakes 58, Northgate 52
Ford City 67, East Allegheny 45
Franklin Regional 83, Albert Gallatin 68
Frazier 59, Geibel 51
Freeport 51, Apollo-Ridge 47
Greensburg Central 54, Burrell 47
Greensburg Salem 61, Valley 40
Hampton 58, Mars 47
Hempfield 65, Penn-Trafford 46
Highlands 87, Kittanning 47
Hopewell 73, West Allegheny 33
Jeannette 76, West Shamokin 47
Latrobe 69, Connellsville 51
Laurel Highlands 68, Elizabeth Forward 36
McKeesport 74, Woodland Hills 68
Mohawk 65, Neshannock 56
Monessen 61, Chartiers-Houston 53
Moon 58, Mt. Lebanon 54
Mt. Pleasant 48, Yough 43
North Catholic 80, South Allegheny 52
North Hills 42, Butler 22
Norwin 69, Kiski Area 54
Oliver 54, Peabody 45
Penn Hills 73, Plum 66
Perry 71, Langley 56
Peters Township 46, Baldwin 39
Pine-Richland 52, Fox Chapel 41
Quaker Valley 50, South Side Beaver 40
Riverside 68, Laurel 53
Schenley 77, Carrick 34
Seneca Valley 56, North Allegheny 40
Serra 96, Avella 58
Seton-LaSalle 69, Carlynton 65
Shady Side Academy 43, Springdale 40
Shaler 63, New Castle 45
Shenango 65, Wilmington 51
South Fayette 48, Brentwood 40
South Park 67, Thomas Jefferson 55
Southmoreland 39, McGuffey 36
Sto-Rox 70, Fort Cherry 41
Summit Academy 73, Rochester 64
Uniontown 101, Belle Vernon Area 73
Upper St. Clair 60, Bethel Park 56
Vincentian Academy 47, Monaca 31
Washington 44, Brownsville 35
West Mifflin 58, Ringgold 43
Wilkinsburg 67, Mapletown 64

GIRLS

Bentworth 46, Yough 29
Beth-Center 68, Jefferson-Morgan 28
Canevin 28, South Fayette 20
Burrell 48, Freeport 45
Carmichaels 39, Frazier 30
East Allegheny 69, California 35
Elizabeth Forward 65, Derry Area 43
Jeannette 52, West Shamokin 43
Kittanning 67, Leechburg 19
Mohawk 55, Aliquippa 41
Northgate 52, Ellis School 34
Oliver 64, Peabody 34
Perry 58, Langley 14
Quaker Valley 56, Monaca 34
Quigley 63, Serra Catholic 57
Schenley 66, Carrick 32
Southmoreland 47, Belle Vernon Area 44
St. Joseph 55, Elderton 38
Steel Valley 59, Brownsville 50
West Mifflin 58, Franklin Regional 45
Westinghouse 58, Brashear 33

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	0	0	10	4
California	0	0	9	4
Indiana	0	0	8	6
Clarion	0	0	8	6
Shippensburg	0	0	6	9
Slippery Rock	0	0	2	12
Lock Haven	0	0	0	14

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Mansfield	0	0	11	3
E. Stroudsburg	0	0	10	3
Millersville	0	0	10	4
Kutztown	0	0	8	5
Cheyney	0	0	7	4
West Chestr	0	0	8	6
Bloomsburg	0	0	8	6

Today

Edinboro at Slippery Rock
Clarion at Indiana
Lock Haven at Shippensburg
Millersville at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at East Stroudsburg
Mansfield at Kutztown

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	0	0	15	1
California	0	0	13	2
Shippensburg	0	0	12	3
Clarion	0	0	10	4
Edinboro	0	0	9	4
Slippery Rock	0	0	6	9
Lock Haven	0	0	5	9

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	0	0	10	4
West Chester	0	0	8	6
Kutztown	0	0	7	8
East Stroudsburg	0	0	5	8
Mansfield	0	0	5	10
Bloomsburg	0	0	4	10
Cheyney	0	0	3	10

Today

Clarion at Indiana
Edinboro at Slippery Rock
Lock Haven at Shippensburg
Millersville at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at East Stroudsburg
Mansfield at Kutztown

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	6	.833	—
Toronto	20	18	.526	11
New Jersey	18	19	.486	12 1/2
Philadelphia	15	24	.385	16 1/2
New York	11	26	.297	19 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	24	16	.600	—
Washington	20	17	.541	2 1/2
Atlanta	17	17	.500	4
Charlotte	14	23	.378	8 1/2
Miami	8	28	.222	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	10	.744	—
Cleveland	20	18	.526	8 1/2
Indiana	17	22	.436	12
Milwaukee	15	23	.395	13 1/2
Chicago	14	22	.389	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	11	.694	—
Dallas	26	12	.684	—
New Orleans	25	12	.676	1/2
Houston	20	19	.513	6 1/2
Memphis	10	28	.263	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	14	.622	—
Denver	22	15	.595	1
Utah	22	17	.564	2
Seattle	9	28	.243	14
Minnesota	5	32	.135	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	11	.703	—
Phoenix	26	12	.684	1/2
Golden State	23	16	.590	4
Sacramento	15	21	.417	10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	23	.324	13 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Orlando 102, Chicago 88
Atlanta 104, Denver 93
Detroit 103, Toronto 89
New York 105, Washington 93
Cleveland 132, Memphis 124, OT
Golden State 105, Minnesota 98
Philadelphia 111, Houston 107
L.A. Clippers 97, Phoenix 90

Today's Games

Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

College basketball

EAST

Binghamton 67, Stony Brook 61
Boston College 76, Miami 66
Cornell 64, N.J. Tech 33
Dartmouth 65, New Hampshire 60, OT
La Salle 62, Penn 58
Wisconsin 80, Penn St. 55

SOUTH

Campbell 82, Longwood 80
Clemson 70, N.C. State 54
Jacksonville 65, Savannah St. 64
Louisiana-Lafayette 67, Utah Valley St. 59
Maryland 71, Wake Forest 64
Mississippi St. 69, Kentucky 64
Murray St. 80, Ind.-South Bend 62
Winthrop 55, Liberty 48

MIDWEST

Creighton 68, N. Iowa 59
Michigan St. 66, Ohio St. 60
Missouri St. 65, Indiana St. 44
Notre Dame 91, Cincinnati 74
S. Illinois 80, Evansville 67

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 79, Oklahoma St. 71
TCU 74, New Mexico 72

FAR WEST

CS Bakersfield 73, Sacramento St. 61
Colorado 55, Nebraska 51
UNLV 70, BYU 41

WOMEN

EAST

Connecticut 65, Syracuse 59
Cornell 75, N.J. Tech 60
Rutgers 57, Georgetown 47
Seton Hall 67, Penn 50
Temple 73, St. Bonaventure 62

SOUTH

Charleston Southern 81, Presbyterian 56
Charlotte 53, Massachusetts 44
Coastal Carolina 53, Savannah St. 28
Liberty 69, George Mason 54
Louisville 69, Cincinnati 37

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Defensive linemen Harvey Martin and Randy White were named co-MVPs in Dallas' 27-10 win over Denver in Super Bowl XII.

20 Years Ago

Monessen routed California, 94-53, behind Jimbo Malinchak's season-high 27 points.

Brian Rotheram scored 18 points in Charleroi's 56-48 victory over Mon Valley Catholic.

Craig Taylor had 25 points in Ringgold's 78-62 win at Laurel Highlands.

Steve Kovatch's 12 points were high in Belle Vernon Area's 92-52 loss to West Mifflin.

10 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area linebacker Jamie Guerra made an oral comm

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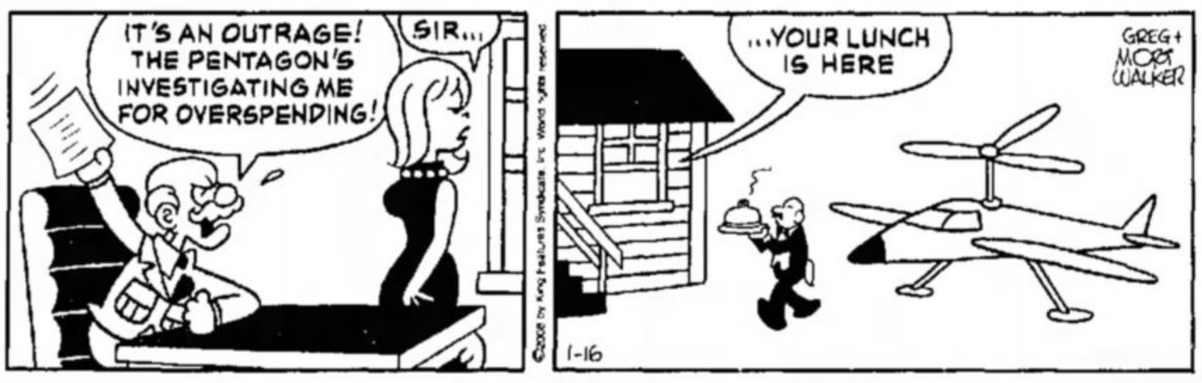

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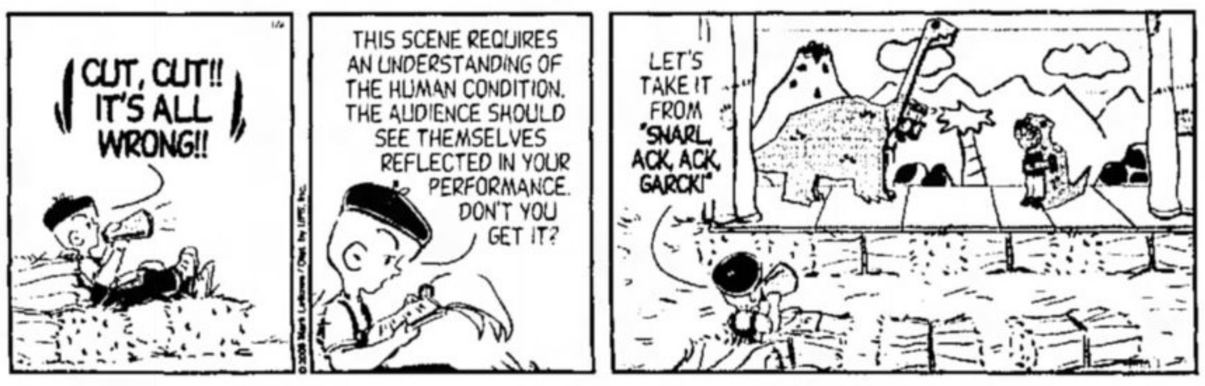
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Y'KNOW, OOOLA, BACK IN TH' GOOD OL' DAYS, I WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOU FOR A KISS...
...I'D HAVE JUST GRABBED YOU BY TH' HAIR AN' DRAGGED YOU AWAY WITH ME!
YOU JUST TRY DRAGGING ME OFF BY MY HAIR, EARLIE OOP...
...AND I GUARANTEE YOU'LL END UP WITH A BLOODY STUMP WHERE YOUR HAND USED TO BE!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

WHEN I TELL THE POLICE ABOUT LUKE'S CONFESSION, JOHNNY CAN GO HOME TO HIS FAMILY!
MEANWHILE, AN AMPHIBIOUS PLANE TAKES OFF FROM LUKE WILSON'S LAKESIDE HOME
WE CAN PROBABLY CATCH UP WITH TRAIL NEAR GLACIER FALLS!
YEAH, THAT'S ABOUT 10 MILES FROM THE COMMUNITY!
JACK ELROD
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Gouged piece of turf
6 Medieval adventure
11 Tijuana chums
13 Permafrost region
14 Flowering shrub
15 Sultana, for example
16 Cease
17 Matisse piece
18 Venomous snake
21 Skilled
23 Pat on
26 "Luck — — Lady"
27 Laid up
28 Only
29 Richly adorned
31 Touched down
32 Active volcano
33 Himalaya summit
36 "Mask" star
37 Starfish arm
38 Reception
39 Slugger — Williams
40 Walkway
42 Hairpin curve
43 Fast-food acronym
44 Wane
46 Gourmet's asset
49 Theater company
53 Marbles
54 Earlier
55 Four-bagger
56 Under — (secret)

DOWN

1 German article
2 Bratty kid
3 IV plus III
4 Monster
5 Cuticle site
6 Canning jar size
7 Army outfit
8 Newsroom VIPs
9 — Lanka
10 Ecru
12 Bike seat
13 Strategem
18 Utterly miserable
19 Come to a boil
20 In hock
22 Tribal advisers
23 Erase
24 Stems from
25 Fighting fish
28 Damage superficially
30 Flair for music
34 Car parkers
35 Kind of pencil
40 Later than
41 Treats a sprain
43 Petruchio's intended
45 Oaf
46 Cry of disgust
47 In time gone by
48 Run away hastily
50 Ms. Merkel
51 Energy
52 Speaker's pauses

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	O	B		G	L	E	E		A	N	A
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Man feels guilt after hiding truth of teacher's molestation

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed and angry at myself because I think I have made a mistake that is impossible to correct.

Two detectives came to my home about two years ago to ask me about a teacher I'd had in high school.

He was being investigated for molesting boys.

I told them, my wife and my parents that nothing had happened to me.

In fact, he had molested me for more than two years.

He was charged with molesting some boys and taking pictures of them performing sexual acts, but I learned recently that those charges were dropped because of some legal technicality.

One of my friends from high school nearly committed suicide because of what this man did.

Dear **ABBY**

I feel awful about having lied, and now this man is free to do it to others.

Abby, that teacher took pictures and made movies of me.

That's how he made me do things with him.

He told me if I didn't, he'd send them to my parents and my friends.

The guilt is killing me.

Please tell me what you would do in my situation.

Please do not reveal my name or location. — **DIDN'T TELL THE TRUTH**

DEAR DIDN'T TELL: There may be a way to correct your mistake.

If more men step forward and reveal how this predator molested and blackmailed them, other charges could be filed.

Of course, this will require honesty and courage from you and more of his other victims.

Here is what I'd do:

I would ask my doctor for a referral to a psychotherapist who specializes in victims of sexual abuse.

Then I would contact the district attorney, give an honest statement, and have that office help you locate your classmate who "almost committed suicide" to see if he will finally reveal what happened.

It was not his fault, and perhaps knowing that may help him come forward.

The crimes that were committed against you both are appalling, and the perpetrator belongs behind bars.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old guy in high school.

Two of my best friends have started smoking pot before school every morning.

They have asked me to join them and "do it just once."

I have tried over and over to get them to stop.

They say things like, "It's the best feeling in the world," and "It doesn't hurt you at all."

I know for a fact that what they're saying isn't true.

But I don't want to lose them as friends.

What should I do? — **JUST SAYING NO IN MONTROSE, COLO.**

DEAR SAYING NO: I have news for your friends. Smoking pot may seem like it's the "best feeling in the world," and "it won't hurt them at all," but walking into class stoned can be fatal when it comes to paying attention, retaining information and earning passing grades.

Smoking marijuana on a daily basis is the definition of addiction.

If used frequently, it has been known to cause users to lose their initiative. ("Why bother to try?")

Not only should you not join them, you should quietly inform a responsible adult about what's going on.

What your friends are doing is illegal, and their "harmless habit" could prevent them from earning a high school diploma.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, going on 20.

My boyfriend, "Alex," is 28.

We have been together for about two years and are completely happy together.

The only problem is Alex says he never wants to get married or have kids — ever.

I have never pushed the issue, and I don't plan on marriage or kids for a long time.

But am I wasting my time going with someone who doesn't want the same things as I do in the end? — **CONFUSED IN OHIO**

DEAR CONFUSED: Yes.

(Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING — JAN. 16, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Power of 10 (N)		Comanche Moon Texas Rangers search for two American Indian outlaws. (N)				News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Michael Douglas; Katherine Heigl; Wyclef Jean. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jon Cryer; Blake Lewis. (N)		(2) Extra (N)/ (7) The Insider (N)/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond	(2) Guthy-Renker.com/ (7) That '70s Show/ (10) Paid	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Wife Swap "Harrison-Velasco/Marshall" (N)		Supernanny "An-Duan Family" Jo helps simplify the lives of stressed-out children. (N)		Cashmere Mafia "Dangerous Liaisons" Juliet struggles with her feelings; Mia butts heads with a new editor. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Desert Passage"	Deal or No Deal Comic Ellen DeGeneres. (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Seeds" A fertility doctor is murdered.		Law & Order "Bottomless" A dry-cleaning mix-up leads to a murdered attorney. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Gavin Smith; Sam Grizzle; Jean-Robert Bellande; Mike Matusow; Shawn Sheikhan; Phil Hellmuth. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Jerry dumps girlfriend over implant.	American Idol Singers audition in Dallas. (N)				(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)	(8) Seinfeld Jerry is aggravated by a new show.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Engaged to Kill (2006)/ (53) Scrubs "My Transition"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Theraputic Joint Relief/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Ultimate Healing/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Pioneers of Television "Variety" (N)		The Jewish Americans Anti-Semitism followed Jews even as they succeeded in business and entertainment. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley Joe Klein. (N)	Nova "Absolute Zero: The Race for Absolute Zero"		Frontline "Cheney's Law" The power of the presidency.
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants (N)		Gossip Girl "Pilot"		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim		That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Exposed: Pro Wrestling		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Today God	Heritage	Joel Osteen	Aspiring	With Arlene	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Theater	Focus 4		This Is Day	Laverne Tripp	
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Stone Undercover		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Sex & Taxes"		CSI: Miami "Complications"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"		CSI: Miami "Slow Burn"		CSI: Miami "Complications"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"	
ABCFAM	★★½ Overboard (1987)					★★½ Overboard (1987)					The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★★ Brubaker (1980)				★ Death Wish 3 (1985)				★ Death Wish 3 (1985)				★★★ Brubaker (1980) A reform-minded prison warden uncovers vast corruption.					
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Big Cat Diary		Natural World: Hawaii-Waves		Barracudas		Animal Precinct (N)		Natural World: Hawaii-Waves		Barracudas		Animal Precinct		Big Cat Diary	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				Coupling	World	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Soulja Boy.		Access		★½ Leprechaun: Back 2 tha Hood (2003)				American Gangster		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway "Trendsetter"		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Make Me a Supermodel	
CMT	100 Greatest Duets Concert Artists perform.				★★★ Boys on the Side (1995)					Redneck Wed	Greatest Cowboy Songs		20 Greatest City Songs		Redneck Wed	CMT Music		
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		1 vs. 100		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911! (N)	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Presents	Presents
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking (N)		Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Most Shocking		Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	MythBusters "Deadly Straw"		MythBusters "James Bond"		Smash Lab (N)		MythBusters		MythBusters "Deadly Straw"		MythBusters "James Bond"		Smash Lab	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Stuck in the Suburbs (2004)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Sunset Tan	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	20 Most Horrifying Hollywood Murders Murders.				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Kardashians	Kardashians	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Duke at Florida State.				College Basketball North Carolina at Georgia Tech.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	Missing Link	Missing Link	Boxing		Who's Number 1?		On the Block (N)		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour		Joe Louis' Greatest Hits		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	Tennis: Australian Open		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat.					College Basketball Texas A&M at Texas Tech.				Tennis Australian Open — Early Round — Day 4. From Melbourne, Australia.						
EWTN	Eucharistic	Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	A House Built on Hope		Human Sexuality		Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Domestic	Jesus Christ
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live (N)		Good Eats	Good Eats	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		In My Words	SpotLIGHT		College Basketball St. Francis (Pa.) at Mount St. Mary's.				Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Batman Begins (2005)				★★ The Punisher (2004) An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family.						★★ The Punisher (2004) An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family.						Paid	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	European	Celebrity Golf	19th Hole (N)	Inside PGA	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Bob Hope Chrysler Classic — First Round. From Palm Desert, Calif.						Golf Central	19th Hole	Trevino & Lopez		Golf Hawaii	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Charlie & Me (2008)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It (N)	Desperate Sp.	Whats	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It
HIST	Organized Crime: History		Modern Marvels "Fertilizer"		Lost Worlds		Cities of the Underworld		MonsterQuest (N)		Deep Sea Detectives		Lost Worlds		Cities of the Underworld		MonsterQuest	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	The Wives He Forgot (2006)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Conviction: Murder		Conviction: Orchard		Countdown-Olbermann		Conviction: Murder		Conviction: Orchard	
MTV	Made	Made "Soap Star"		Rob & Big	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	The Real World "Sydney"		The Real World (N)		Made "Rapper"		The Real World		True Life		MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	★★★ Love & Basketball (2000)				Janice Dickinson Modeling		★★★ Love & Basketball (2000)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		★★ Breakin' All the Rules (2004)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Spirits"		Ghost Hunters "The Armory"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters International		Ghost Hunters		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Dreamland"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion						CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	10 Items-Less	★★★ The Pelican Brief (1993)				
TCM	★★★½ San Francisco (1936)				★★ Footlight Parade (1933)				★★ Something to Sing About (1937)		★★★★ Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)						★★★ Love Me or Leave Me	
TLC	Property Ladder		Can't Stop Growing		My Shocking Story: Half Man		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine (N)		My Shocking Story: Half Man		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine		Can't Stop Growing	
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order "Nowhere Man"		★★ John Q (2002)				★★ John Q (2002)				Without a Trace		Without a Trace "Two of Us"		Without a Trace	
TOON	Scooby Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Chowder	Courage-Dog	Jimmy's Head	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Seven Wonders		Ten Wonders of the West		Feasty Boys	Food Heavens	Best Places to Pig Out		Treasures	Treasures	Most Unique McDonald's		Feasty Boys	Food Heavens	Best Places to Pig Out		Treasures	Treasures
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS "The Curse"		NCIS "High Seas"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★★ Timeline (2003)			
VH1	I Love NY	I Love New York		I Love New York		I Love New York		I Love New York "Reunion"			Fabulous Life Of...		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Scott Baio 46		Women Seeking Women	
VS.	NHL Hockey	Dakar High.	WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage	
WE	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Weddings	Weddings	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Hair Trauma	Hair Trauma
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★ Lost in Space (1998)				★★★ Mad Max (1979)			★★½ Army of Darkness (1992)			★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994)					★★★ Wild at Heart (1990)		
HBO	★½ Just My Luck (2006)		★★½ We Are Marshall (2006)						Inside the NFL (N)		Real Time With Bill Maher	The Wire			★★★½ Braveheart (1995)			
MAX	★½ Big Momma's House 2 (2006)				★★★ To Die For (1995)				★★★ Blood Diamond (2006)				Sin City		★★★ Exiled (1998)		Coed Confid.	
SHOW	★★★ Mighty Aphrodite (1995)				The L Word		★½ Snake Eyes (1998)			★★½ Lord of War (2005) A relentless Interpol agent tracks an arms dealer.					★★½ The Weather Man (2005)		Ringmaster	
STARZ	★★★ Keeping Up With the Steins (2006)		★★★ Bridge to Terabithia (2007)				★★ Scary Movie 4 (2006)			★½ Gray Matters (2006)		★★★ Gridiron Gang (2006)					Tombstone	
TMC	★★ Into the Blue (2005)				★★ Sliding Doors (1998)			★★½ The Mirror Has Two Faces (1996)				★½ Kettle of Fish (2006)			The Sex Substitute 2 (2002)			

FEATURES

Frugal Living

Build an emergency fund before you need it

Sara **NOEL**

If there isn't money enough to go around, starting an emergency fund seems impossible.

If an emergency happens, like a car breaking down, people pop the repair bill on their credit card. When life's emergencies continue to happen, the debt increases and this cycle becomes a financial mess.

You need money that is easily accessible in case of an emergency. Make it a priority. Calculate your expenses, try to reduce some and see what is left over from your income. Afterward, start tracking your spending so you can account for every penny, and start saving even a small amount today. You can't afford not to. Here's how.

START A CHANGE JAR: It seems spare change can't possibly add up, but it will. Simply stop spending your loose change.

GIVE UP SOMETHING: Once you've tracked your spending, you'll see your money leaks. Patch the leak by making new decisions. Maybe it's a daily pack of gum, lunch out or a drink from the vending machine. Save what you would have spent. Don't forget that it's not actually saving money unless you take that money, set it aside and don't spend it.

TREAT IT AS A BILL: You can have money deducted automatically and transferred to a separate account. Start out saving a small amount that you won't miss. You will be paying yourself first. You can open an online savings account at Direct (www.ingdirect.com) or Emigrant (www.emigrant.com).

POCKET THE DIFFERENCE: If your electric bill is less than you budget for, take the difference and save it. You can shop around for cheaper car and home insurance and phone service and do the same.

KEEP IT FOR YOURSELF: If you've paid off a debt like a credit card or loan, don't increase your spending. Take that money and put it into your savings.

QUIT THE BAD HABITS: No more excuses if you have a bad habit like smoking or drinking. Quitting might be easier said than done, so at least cut back and save the extra cash.

MAKE EXTRA MONEY: Something as simple as having a garage sale or selling an item on eBay (www.ebay.com) can kick-start your savings. If you're serious about having a safety cushion, consider a part-time job.

SAVE YOUR REFUND: If you receive a tax refund, use some or all of it to fund your emergency account. Take a look at your withholdings and see whether you can keep more money for yourself each month.

BANK YOUR BONUS: If you receive a bonus, raise or money gifts, save the difference.

ROUND UP: Get cash back from your debit card at store checkouts.

MAKE SUBSTTTUTIONS: Look for lower-cost alternatives. If you're used to buying snacks, try homemade, dine at home instead of going out, shop store brands versus name brands or cut your gym membership and work out from home. Make the best use of your options and get into the habit of looking for creative ways to save your money.

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When submitting announcements ...

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CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ TEAM Charleroi Business and Community Alliance quarterly meeting, Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Charleroi, 8:30 a.m.

■ Tri County Borough Association meeting, Hoot Owl's Club, New Eagle, 7 p.m.

■ Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group meeting, Albert Gallatin Home Care & Hospice, Monongahela, 10:30 a.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Italian Heritage Society to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Monessen Italian Heritage Society will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at the Epiphany Church hall on Knox Avenue. Guest speaker will be Luther D. Sheets, chief operation officer of Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services.

Band to perform at senior center

The Sound of Country Band will provide the music for the January dance Thursday at the Center on the Hill, 100 Summit Road, Washington Township. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the dance runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Call (724) 930-8512.

Chicken, biscuit dinner planned

The Star Junction Fish and Game Club, Route 51, Perryopolis, will host a chicken and biscuit dinner 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Pancake, sausage breakfast set

A pancake (all-you-can-eat) and sausage breakfast will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. For takeouts, call (724) 929-5511.

Spaghetti dinner set in Cokeburg

The regular monthly spaghetti dinner of Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 354 of Cokeburg will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Croatian home, 26 Grant Street. Takeouts will be available.

Newell authority to meet Monday

The Newell Municipal Authority will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday at the borough building.

ODDS & ENDS

Lawmaker kicks photographer

DENVER (AP) — Carrying a family Bible, a state representative-elect kicked a photographer who took a picture of him during a statehouse prayer — then was sworn into office.

Douglas Bruce went to the House floor Monday morning as a guest of Rep. Kent Lambert, a fellow Colorado Springs Republican.

When Rocky Mountain News photographer Javier Manzano took his photo during the traditional morning prayer, Bruce, who was standing, brought the sole of his shoe down hard on the photographer's bent knee.

"Don't do that again," Bruce told him.

Later, Bruce refused to apologize.

"I think that's the most offensive thing I've seen a photographer do in 21 years," he said. "If people are going to cause a disruption during a public prayer, they should be called for it. He owes an apology to the House and the public."

Rocky Mountain News Editor John Temple said the photographer had a right to take Bruce's picture. Temple said he would speak with House leadership.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: Y equals P

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ANNIVERSARIES

Doris and Lee Buell

Buell 60th

Lee and Doris Buell, of Carroll Township, along with their immediate family, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during a family dinner party held at Tyber's Restaurant at the Belle Vernon Holiday Inn.

The couple was married Nov. 28, 1947. They are the parents of Cynthia (Arthur Jr.) Hall, Marsha (Ralph) Wingrove and Donna (Dan) Turney. They also have eight grandchildren, Jason and Nathan Hall, Amy Stone, Leslie Yount, Natalie Scott, Ryan Wingrove, Lee Ann Turney and SW3/c Jakob Turney; and two great-grandchildren, Olivia, who gave the blessing, and Alison Stone.

The evening was spent in reminiscence and family fellowship.

ENGAGEMENTS

Burgess-Raymond

Sam and Lois Henry, of Monongahela, and Richard and Evelyn Raymond, of Belle Vernon, have announced the engagement of their children, Jennifer Burgess and Todd Raymond.

Burgess is a graduate of Ringgold High School and employed by Mount Vernon Assisted Living Facility in South Park.

Raymond, a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, is employed by the Bob Sedney G.M. dealership in Carroll Township.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Pastor Eva Widmer of Belle Vernon, and her fiance is the grandson of Adela Raymond, of Naomi (Fayette City).

The couple is planning a July 2009 wedding.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Amicus Class, Charleroi

Members held their Christmas party on Dec. 17 at Tyber's Restaurant at the Belle Vernon Holiday Inn.

Darla White, president, extended welcome and gave the luncheon blessing for the 11 members in attendance. She also read a Christmas prayer written by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Mary Wood presented a gift certificate to Alice Sheets for her many years of service as class teacher and then read a memorial list of all past Amicus members.

All joined hands with Esther Specht, who gave the year-end prayer.

The next meeting will be held March 25.

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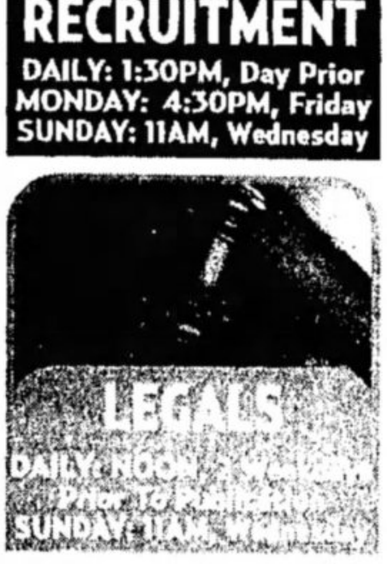

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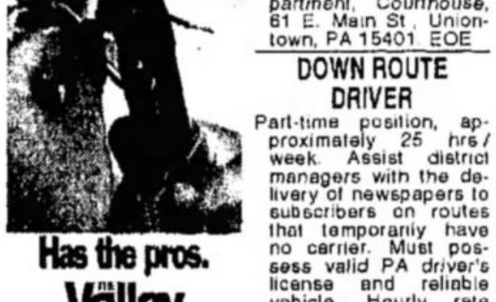

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Your Birthday
THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 2008

The year ahead is slated to be a red-letter one for the Gemini who has faith in himself or herself, and whatever it is you are striving for. However, it may take much more work than you anticipate, so don't be so quick to give up on your dreams.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Bolder measures than usual will be required to advance your self-interests, but you have it in you to do so. Use that courage of conviction that others see in you and you will do very well.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- For no particular reason and just when the end is in sight, you will alter your course and leave everybody scratching his or her head. That's because you will try to fix something that is not broken.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't lower your anticipation for success just because another with whom you are involved can't see the possibilities that you can. If you stay the course, your expectations will materialize.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You can either spend your time working hard to better your life, or you can waste your hours doing nothing. The choice is yours, but either way you can expect the results to be quite impressive.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be careful not to show anybody your bad side, because the impression you make on others will be much stronger than usual and whatever you do or say will be long remembered. Give them a good showing instead.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Matters of significance are apt to be handled adroitly. Yet for some reason, you could let your guard down and overreact to the smaller issues. Take care not to behave in ways you will regret.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- One weak link in a partnership arrangement could dissolve the entire union or create a problem no one can mend. Take care that each person in your group endeavor doesn't deviate from the original game plan.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You won't have too much to brag about at the end of the day, especially if you are not committed to a game plan and stick to it. In order to succeed, you must continue to be tenacious and consistent to the end.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Be original and creative because it will serve to enhance whatever it is you put your hand to, and increase your chances for success. There is no need to mimic another; you have plenty of style and design of your own.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be prepared to roll with situations or conditions over which you have no control. With no help from you, life will make changes that will work out better than anything you can image or design.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- The very person you thought you could depend upon to help accomplish a big goal won't be available at this time. Fortunately, however, a surrogate will be ready and willing to pitch in.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Operate along traditional lines and your probabilities for generating notable returns will be excellent. It will be when you try to profit from something fancy or tricky that you will fall flat on your face.

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